

When Your Child Is Ill

DON'T immediately imagining that your child is suffering from some fatal disease and rush frantically round the room with hot-water bottles in your hands.

On no account let the child see that you are worried or his vivid imagination will get to work and he will develop a temperature. Keep calm yourself and the patient also will feel a lot better.

Taking temperatures every five minutes is a favourite habit of many mothers—and a very bad one. Thermometers should be kept out of sight, as well as all medicines, bandages, rubber gloves, and disinfectants. They will only serve to frighten a nervous child, and tempt the curious one to sample the bottles for himself.

A clean, fresh bedroom is essential. Put away all clothes and school books, draw the curtains, sprinkle the pillow with lavender perfume, and place flowers and fruit by the bedside. Keep the room at an even, not too warm, temperature.

A Light Diet

Keep the child on a light diet for the first day, and if the stomach is out of order, give him the necessary medicine, followed by a hot drink of weak tea. If the pain is also accompanied by a headache, lay a cloth across the forehead which has been wrung out in a solution of ice-cold water and vinegar.

Excitement must, of course, be avoided, so do not allow any visitors, or, on the first day, books and magazines to read. A light childish aliment requires only plenty of sleep, quietness, and a little food to put him right again. Leave him quite alone, do not fuss, and the patient will in a couple of days be full of life.

If a child is feverish, and in this case if the fever has not abated after 24 hours, you should call in the doctor. Indeed, whilst it is not necessary to have medical attention on the slightest pretext, no illness should be allowed to go on too long before you learn exactly what is wrong. The correct treatment may make all the difference between a long illness and a quick recovery, so do not rely entirely upon your own experience and nursing. Follow the Doctor's Instructions.

Remember to follow the doctor's instructions faithfully and realise that he knows more about the little patient's illness than you do—even though he may be your only child and you are naturally a very worried parent!

Every child has days when he wants to "play truant" and pretend to be poorly, so do not be misled by gruesome tales of mysterious pains which rapidly change their position from one part of the body to another. A threat of cauter oil in such cases will often result in a miraculous banishment of all ills and a quick return to health.

Caution must, however, be exercised, and here again an experienced mother will be able to distinguish the difference between a real and an imaginary ailment.

Convalescence

A long illness must be followed by a long convalescence, and even more care must be exercised here. Young children make specially difficult patients, and now is the time when visitors can be allowed and also plenty of toys and books.

Unduly long visits or playtimes must be avoided, and the small patient should have a special hour for sleeping each morning and afternoon. Very excitable young visitors should be kept away until the patient is quite strong.

To help the child entertain, place a small table in his room and let him serve tea in the bedroom. Dainty sandwiches, plenty of fruit and lettuce, as well as glasses of milk, should form the chief diet.

In any case, always have everything spotlessly clean and neat so as to tempt the patient's appetite. It will often be found that a child who has no wish to eat anything, will do so if a small friend is also invited to the meal.

Only give the child a hot bath if the doctor allows it. Many mothers think that this is a cure for all ills—it can, however, be extremely dangerous and a warm sponge three times a day is sufficient to keep the patient fresh.

No amount of care during illness will compensate for carelessness during convalescence, so, even if your patience is almost exhausted, try to retain a firm hand and a sense of humour until the doctor issues the welcome words that "everything is again 'In Order'."

O. L.

BRONZE GREEN & COPPER

New Colour Contrasts

FOR practical purposes winter coats are of necessity dark in colour, and it rests with the frock beneath to put a sparkle and the necessary dash of colour into the outfit.

One of the smartest combinations just now is black and London tan. Sitting opposite me in a restaurant the other day was a woman in a short black fur coat worn over a dress in this attractive reddish brown with a matching hat. It made a most arresting and fashionable ensemble.

Two other shades that are definitely popular for wear with black are copper rust and a bronze green. They also blend in well with browns, grey, navy or tweed.

Our artist has sketched for you to-day dresses and coats inspired by the mid-season collections now showing in London. These illustrate the importance of the coat and dress question.

Coat collars have shrunk away to nothing, and fur is most conspicuous when it appears on coats elsewhere than at the neckline.

Particularly novel are the fur sleeves which, except in the flat fur, are rather on the whimsical side. A spiral effect is shown in one of the smaller illustrations carried out in fox.

Scotch moleskin is being used again in Paris, and sea lion is a much favoured newcomer this season to the dress world.

With dresses all the interest centres above the waistline and there is a feeling for styles with fancy tops. This enables you to obtain the necessary gay note beneath your coat.

Fabrics in soft shades with a tinsel thread running through are being used for these models. One style I noticed in wool had shiny American cloth leaves applied all over the bodice of the dress; the idea was continued on the belt.

MARY GRACE.

WIVES who boss their HUSBANDS

Last week at a dance I was introduced to a young couple who had been married early this summer. The wife of twenty-one was obviously—and rightly proud of her husband, but I was surprised at her strongly expressed sense of possession. Her husband had given me one dance, when I overheard her say "You are not to dance with her again, John."

John, poor man, took it quite meekly but the incident set me thinking of this "bossy" trait of me thinking of its boomerang effect on those who practise it. Nothing kills love more quickly than this easily-acquired habit.

The young bride, having "captured" her man, often determines at an early stage to prohibit husband and other women. This early putting her foot down on innocent conversations and meetings can, with the average man, only have one result.

Nagged at for what he knows to be a most trivial harmless association, he will cease to tell his wife of any meeting with feminine acquaintances.

Unfortunately, the habit of bossing, early acquired by a wife, grows rapidly, and the miserable and unfortunate husband soon finds many other harmless pastimes and pleasures vetoed. No wonder family men often disappear, to seek respite from a steady stream of instructions and warnings.

The morning string of admonitions about lunch things to be done, and the final exhortation not to be late, often proves too much for a hardly wrought business man, and he finds himself unable to face the evening instalment of reproaches.

A spotless and admirably run home is no compensation to a man who knows he is always on the edge of a domestic volcano; and however well-meaning a wife may be, her zeal for perfection can make life a ruin for her partner.

J. M. W.

Help Kidneys

Don't Take Drastic Drugs
Four kidneys have been endangered by neglect or drastic, irritating drugs. Beware! If kidney trouble or bladder weakness makes you suffer from Getting Up Nights, Leg Pains, Nervousness, Discharge, Blurred Vision, Swollen Ankles, Neuritis, Burning Itching, Spasms, Acidity or Loss of Vigour, don't delay. Try the Doctor's new discovery called **Cystex** (Bismarck) Bismarck, tonic, cleanses and rebuilds kidneys. Works in 15 minutes. Brings new health, youth and vitality in 48 hours. Cystex costs little and is guaranteed to end your troubles in a day or money back. At all chemists.



Box jacket of black fur accompanies a wool frock in the new London tan.

Red fox spirals round the sleeves of a brown novelty wool coat. Bronze green predominates in the border print jacket worn with grey coat and skirt. Copper rust evening blouse of tinsel cloth over a black satin skirt.

MINUTE HINT

Zinc receptacles should be washed with soap and hot water containing a little borax. Scour well inside and out with a paste of paraffin and bathbrick if particularly dirty and greasy.

Keeping fit in Winter

By Family Doctor

THE cold weather has brought me many letters from readers asking my advice on chest complaints. Where the trouble is long-standing, and the lungs are diseased, change of climate such as a winter in Egypt or in parts of Switzerland, will help considerably. Where this is not possible, a change to one of our own Southern resorts may help; or a few weeks at a hospital or sanatorium may give others the strength they need.

But whatever the treatment, in all cases of bronchitis or asthma, the patient's own medical adviser should be consulted before starting on any departure from the normal routine.

For all of us there are general health rules to be followed in winter. If we are to keep fit, Exercise is wonderful in cold weather for improving the circulation and so helping the breathing. It is to be hoped that the B.D.C. will at some future date reconsider its decision and arrange for physical jerks to be broadcast every morning.

JUNIOR COLUMN

Do you know what a bantam-weight is?

TEN-YEAR-OLD G. D., is a boxing enthusiast. He has made a list of the various weights that boxers fight under and thinks the list might help other Junior Column readers when they hear or read about boxing matches.

I don't know if girls will be interested—but here is the list:—
Fly-weight 8 stones 6 pounds
Bantam-weight 9 stones
Feather-weight 10 stones 6 pounds
Light-weight 11 stones 6 pounds
Welter-weight 12 stones 7 pounds
Middle-weight 13 stones 6 pounds
Light-heavy-weight 14 stones 7 pounds
Heavy-weight No limit
Tommy Farr, most famous of our present British boxers, is a heavy-weight.

TWELVE-YEAR-OLD A. G., of Port Talbot, has found out that—
The giraffe, like the camel, has more than one stomach;
The gardeninch starts singing at half-past one in the morning;
The "funny-bone's" real name is the humerus and "funny bone" is really only a pun on the name;
Caterpillars devour sixty-thousand times their own weight in food in a month;
Birds have three eyelids.



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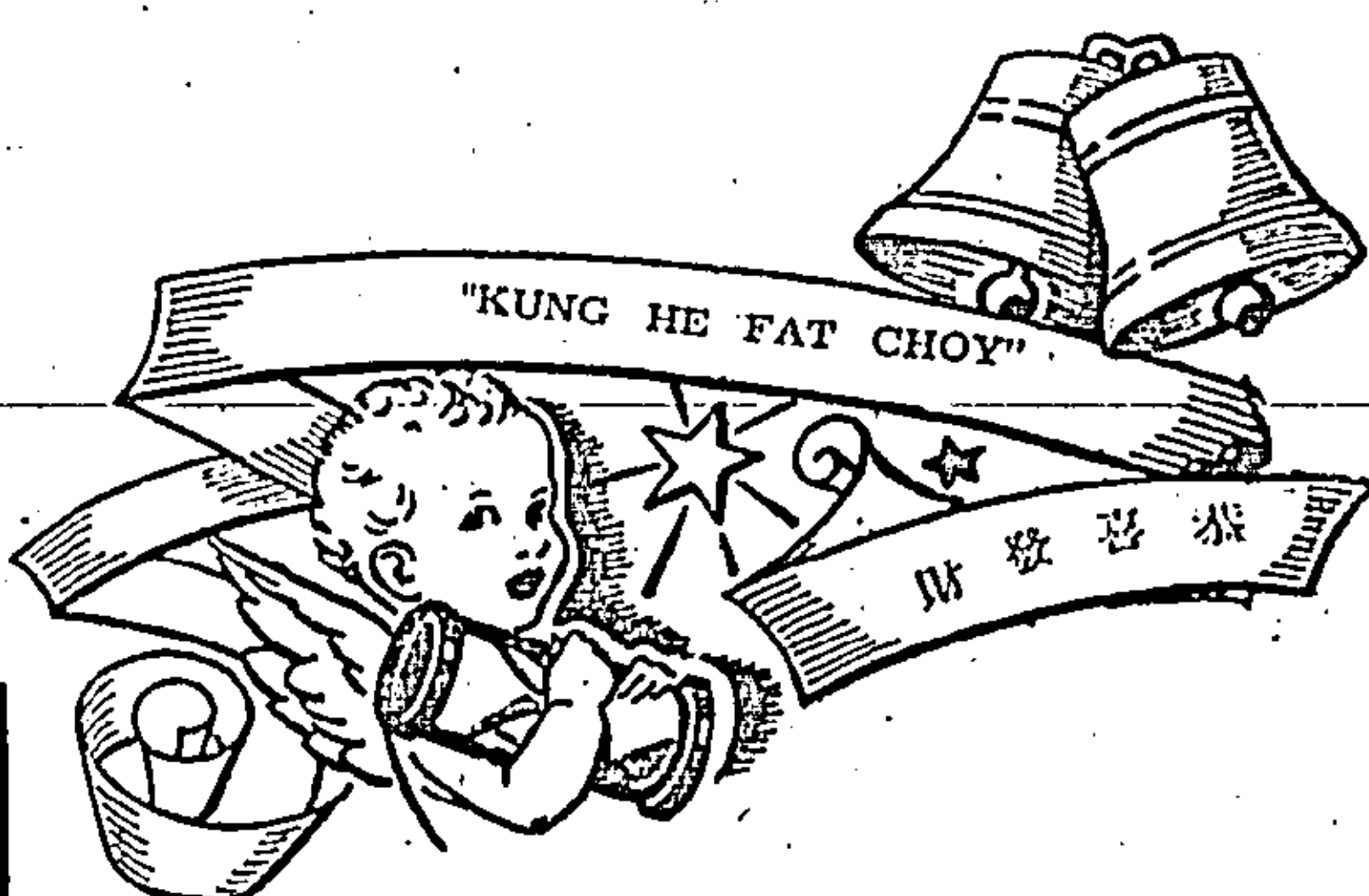
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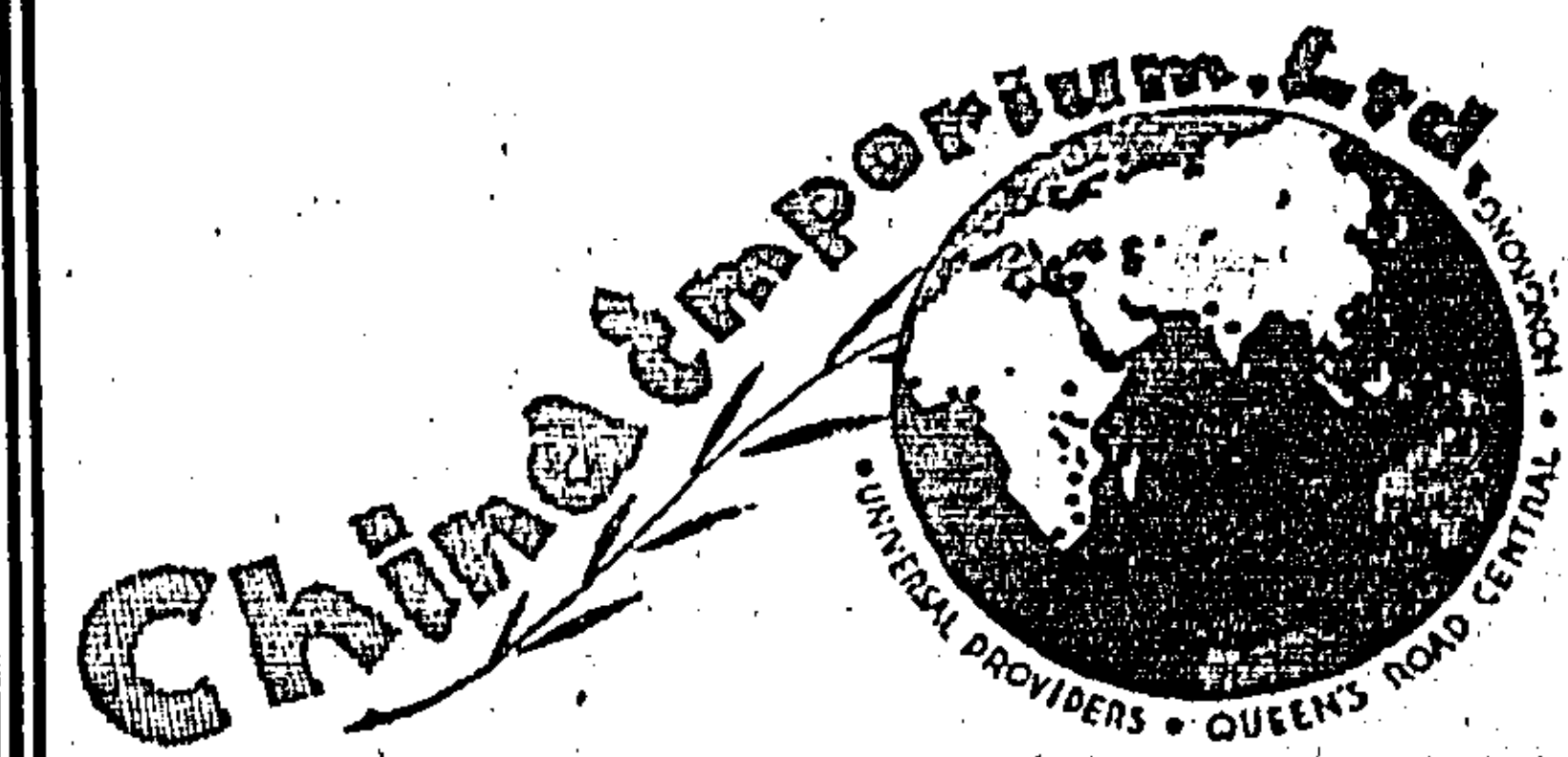
HAPPY NEW YEAR



CHINESE NEW YEAR HOLIDAY NOTICE

The Department Store and Café de Luxe Restaurant close to business on January 31st, February 1st and 2nd, but will resume as usual on Feb. 3rd.

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Refugee Ship's Log Tells of Japanese Rain of Death In Yangtse

FULL STORY OF WHANGPU BOMBING

EXCLUSIVE STORY OF SHELL-FIRE ON BRITISH VESSEL

THIS IS THE STORY, UNCENSORED AND UNTOUCHED OF THE SHELLING OF THE BRITISH STEAMER WHANGPU. IT IS TAKEN FROM THE SHIP'S OFFICIAL LOG, AND IS PUBLISHED FOR THE FIRST TIME IN THIS NEWSPAPER.

AT WUHU, DEC. 10, 1937

Mr. A. Orr, 2nd Engineer, was this day transferred to the Company's M. V. "Tatung," being appointed Chief Engineer in place of Mr. A. Morice whom I shipped as passenger to Shanghai owing to his bad condition of health and also wounds received by metal (shrapnel) from Japanese bombs when the "Tatung" was murdered by Japanese air bombers. "Tatung" meantime beached in a sinking condition.

"Whangpu" proceeded to Nanking this evening at five. She is to go to Shanghai eventually, when the Kiang Yin Barrier is pierced by the Japanese Naval forces. The ship carried absolutely no cargo, being merely a refugee ship carrying about three hundred refugees, mostly Chinese women and children.

"Whangpu" anchored at the recognised "Safe Anchorage" three miles above Nanking at nine p.m. same day. Wuhu city was in flames when we left there.

AT NANKING, DEC. 11

Weather fine and clear with all British ships anchored in the OFFICIALLY RECOGNISED "SAFE ANCHORAGE" accompanied by H. M. Ships Cricket & Scarab, also "Tien Kiang," "Wantung," "Teang Tai" and other vessels.

At 14.20 heavy shells from shore batteries on left bank began to scream down overhead causing the ship to shudder violently with concussions. As we were anchored in the so-called safety zone we anticipated no danger, but when the shells began to plough the water a mere few hundred feet away, I ordered all hands to the main engines in the shortest possible time. The extreme urgency of the case forced us away in the remarkably short period of seven minutes.

The Company's "Wantung" steamed off rapidly by us pursued closely by heavy shells. As soon as "Whangpu" got under weigh all the shelling from the right bank was diverted to us and soon began to fall perilously close by causing huge spouts of water close ahead and on our port beam. Some of the shells shrieked very close over our bridge.

I changed the ship's head as often as possible, zig-zagging in order to confuse the gunners. Every ounce of steam was run for urgently. Having a 350 ton lighter full of wood oil alongside of us rather handicapped our mobility. Only for the danger into which I would have put the other ships, I would have abandoned the lighter. However, despite the drag of the lighter the "Whangpu" sped ahead of the column of fleeing ships, and being by far the largest of the fleet present, all the gun fire was concentrated upon us. We bore the brunt of the murderous firing. This fortunately helped all the other ships in that we purposely drew the fire away from them.

After racing up stream amidst the huge columns of water created by the shells we eventually anchored at Rosina Beacon—14½ miles above Nanking. It took us over one hour to outdistance the range of the guns. During this period we counted nineteen shells. Our escape from destruction can be attributed to the prompt and efficient manner in which the Chief Engineer got up and maintained a high pressure of steam.

During this deliberate and murderous bombardment all the passengers were ordered to remain below decks. Fortunately no person was hurt. Some of these shells missed us by less than twenty feet. They fell so close that we were actually steaming over the boiling mass of water left by the shell on landing. Many heavy pieces of shrapnel were collected from the bridge and upper decks after we anchored. Lifeboats and tanks were pierced by shrapnel.

At 16.44 I anchored in midstream in 5½ fathoms of water off ROSINA Beacon—12½ miles above Nanking where I anchored the oil lighter.

This reach was selected by me owing to its great breadth—making it fairly safe against snipers from the banks, and for its shallow water, in case we were sunk by further attacks.

At 10.40 we returned to relieve H.M.S. Scarab of Jardine's Hulk which she had rescued from the "Safe Anchorage" during the bombardment. At 23.58 we anchored near the oil lighter off Rosina Beacon with the Hulk alongside of us.

All the other British ships followed up and concentrated in this locality including H.M. Ships Cricket & Scarab.

During this bombardment we had on board the British & German Embassies, also the Military Attaché Colonel Lovin Fraser. They boarded us from Jardine's Hulk acting as

refugee depot) a few hours prior to the shelling. A vigorous protest was immediately radioed from the British and German Embassies.

14½ MILES ABOVE NANKING, DEC. 12

Weather fine and clear with a cloudless sky. At 13.20 three Japanese Bombing Planes were observed to be approaching from the South Eastward at a height of about three thousand feet. The brilliant sunshine glistened on their silver colour. Suddenly to my consternation they zoomed suddenly directly towards "Whangpu" in line ahead formation.

At 500 feet they released one bomb upon us, all of which fell only about twenty to fifty feet away from us, causing terrific concussions throughout the ship, shattering windows and doors. All persons were ordered by me to lie face down flat.

The Chief Officer and myself rushed down below decks to see the Chinese passengers—mostly women and children—and scenes of indescribable confusion met us. Hundreds were stampeding and shrieking madly. The sight was ghastly and pitiful. After passing our ship (with the Jardine's Hulk still alongside of us) the bombers released upon us but after the first bomb of the second raid fell very close to us H.M. Ships Cricket and Scarab opened fire with Lewis and also 3" guns upon the Japanese.

The defence given by the gunboats prevented the planes from diving so close to us, and definitely was the means of preventing the Japanese from completing their murderous task. These despicable Japanese obviously meant to wipe us out. The outrage was directed towards the "Whangpu" and the Jardine's Hulk alongside of her. Two more bombs were dropped very close to us again, causing terrific concussions throughout the ship. Six bombs were rained upon us during this raid, the last two of which wrecked our smoke-room. About one dozen of the foreign passengers were in the smoke-room just prior to this and if the bomb had happened at this time most of them would have been cut to ribbons with flying plate glass. We would have suffered many deaths.

Immediately after this terrible outrage I ordered steam on the main engines in order to become mobile and also to spread out from the other ships. Before changing our position all foreign passengers with the sole exception of Mr. Williams of the British Embassy were transferred to H.M.S. Cricket from "Whangpu" as obviously the Japanese had marked out "Whangpu" for total destruction—their persistent attacks proved this.

At 16.05 "Whangpu" with Jardine's Hulk alongside, whilst manoeuvring suddenly observed three Japanese bombers approaching from the same direction as before, whereupon I manoeuvred "Whangpu" to the position of greatest advantage for protection from H.M.S. Cricket—four points abaft his beam, distance about one cable. The three Japanese bombers again power-dived directly at us and dropped four bombs close to us, one of which fortunately was dud. Immediately the bombers came within range of the 3" and Lewis guns of H.M. Ships Scarab and Cricket they opened very effective fire upon them. The excellent gunnery forced the bombers away. They did not return to the attack. They could not face the guns. All they understood was the mass murder of innocent and defenceless people. During this second raid the Chief Officer, one Q-Master and myself were on the bridge, maintaining our position off the Cricket determined to be the cause of giving the murderous Japanese as much gunfire as possible. All others were under cover. In the engine-room the Chief and others there were nearly blinded with ash and coal dust caused by the enormous explosions so close alongside the ship. The Chief Officer displayed good courage. Every order given to us was carried out promptly and efficiently, and with no confusion. He was a good example to others.

When this disgusting raid was over I decided to abandon Jardine's Hulk. I anchored it in 4½ fm. then cast off from it. Being together we presented a large and tempting target for the Japanese bombers. When this was completed I anchored half a mile ahead of H.M.S. Scarab for protection as directed by the S.M.O. present. Only for the grand defence afforded us by the Royal Navy, "Whangpu" would certainly have been wiped out with great loss of life. There would have been an appalling loss of life.

It should be pointed out that eight large motor boats full of fully armed Japanese soldiers complete with machine guns rounded the "Whangpu" on their way down stream. After cautiously approach-



Men of the Second Battalion Royal Scots marching through the streets of Hongkong behind their pipers. This photograph was taken shortly after they landed from the transport, Dunera.—Photo by Kwong Lam Studio.

ing us they gave us close scrutiny on both sides. They appeared to be quite satisfied that we were on our way. One of the soldiers pointed towards the sky—at the Chief Engineer—motioning upwards with his right hand. Afterwards we realized the significance of this motion; meaning I presume, 'Up you will go.' (NOTE: THIS PARAGRAPH DOES NOT APPEAR IN THE OFFICIAL LOG BOOK.)

After a conference on board H.M.S. Cricket it was decided to immediately berth both the "Whangpu" and "Wantung" close alongside the north bank of the river half a mile apart from each other in order to temporarily disperse the terrified passengers and all the members of our crew over a wide area of the country-side. As soon as we berthed, all our passengers (Chinese) made a wild dash to the fields for safety. Shrieking and moaning in a demented state they fled, leaving most of their gear in panic. Some members of the crew joined this mad rush from the ship. We made all efforts to reassure them, but nothing could stem the frenzied exit. Most of them were demented as a result of the terrible bombing, some were stupefied or stunned.

That evening Officers and the remainder of the crew slept on board with orders to remain on the ship entirely deserted before dawn as I considered it senseless to sacrifice lives, feeling convinced that the Japanese would complete the destruction of the "Whangpu" on the following day, and "should such happen," no lives would then be lost.

At 10.40 (same day—12th) we hoisted up anchor and proceeded to pick up lighter No. 13. At 22.00 the ship was safely berthed alongside the left bank of the river, lying against soft mud with 10 fms of cable on Port anchor leading six points on the port bow and with 45 fm. of cable on the starboard anchor, leading ahead. The Officers and crew were this evening given definite instructions in preparation for at least one day in the fields from where we would watch over the ship.

Next morning (13th) at 02.30 a large junk floated down very close to us. Burning furiously with a cargo of kerosene or spirits its white heat created a great heat as it passed down. All hands were rushed to fire stations. It cleared us at 03.15.

On the 13th, at 06.00 all remaining hands go ashore and disperse in the fields as directed by the Master, being advised not to go further away than ¼ of a mile. The absolute necessity of keeping in small detachments was emphasized by me. All hands had sufficient water and food for at least three days, and ample spare clothes, including blankets.

At 08.30 the Master, Chief Engineer and Chief Officer returned to the ship to disperse looters who were hurriedly stealing passengers' luggage. Armed with revolvers and much ammunition we shot them away. Others ashore were rounded up with gun fire and suitably dealt with. After this affair we changed our position ashore in order to better guard the ship. We took possession of all territory within a radius of ½ a mile from the ship, guarding same with revolvers throughout the day.

On five occasions during the day we had to cover in the mud to evade being spotted by Japanese planes which hovered overhead very close each time. This precaution was necessary to prevent being drilled with Japanese machinegun bullets from these same planes. They obviously did not like us... and we were certainly not trusting the friends.

On the 14th, we re-embarked only about fifty passengers. Only this small number responded to our repeated blasts on the steam siren. H.M.S. Cricket sent a repairsquad to render assistance in making the foreign passenger accommodation serviceable, also temporary repairs to the bridge and smokeroom.

At 13.40 we hauled away from the bank and proceeded alongside Jardine's Hulk again in order to move same up the following day to a better anchorage. Foreign passengers were transferred from H.M.S. Cricket to the "Whangpu".

During the two bombardments from the Japan airbombers on the 12th instant, we had on board among other passengers members of the British and German Embassies, besides other foreign women and men, also refugee children—25 foreigners in all. Besides these we had more than 350 Chinese women and children (refugees) in the Chinese accommodation, also hundreds of Chinese male passengers, making a total of not less than 800, excluding the crew. This number includes the refugees from Jardine's Hulk who scrambled aboard the "Whangpu" after the first bomb had dropped. NONE OF THESE WERE CHARGED ANY FARE; food only to be paid for. They were refugees driven from their homes by war.

NATIONAL COLOURS AS DISPLAYED BY "WHANGPU" DURING THE SHELLING AND BOMBING ON FORE DECK:

One Union Jack brilliantly painted on a tarpaulin which was (and still is) spread over the forward awning.

SIZE: 36 by 24 ft. (Thirty-six by twenty-four feet.)

ON SUN DECK:

Two Union Jacks painted in brilliant colours on wood deck—one on each side near aft.

SIZE: (each) 15 by 10 ft. (Fifteen by ten feet.)

ON SHIP'S SIDE:

One on each side of ship just forward of bridge, brilliantly painted.

SIZE: (each) 15 by 8 ft. (Fifteen by eight feet.)

Besides these distinguishing marks we had the ship's name painted on each side near amidships with letters four feet high by three and a half ft. wide, each stroke being ten inches thick.

Further, we had a large (9 by 6) ensign aft and one large ensign on the forward truck, also a Pilot Jack on the Jackstaff. All of these flags were new and were kept flying night and day during the 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th and the 17th—day of arrival at Shanghai.

15TH AT 13.30

Anchored Jardine's Hulk and cast off same.

15th (same day) at 15.00 "Whangpu" joined the Naval Convoy, taking position four in the line, with the loaded lighter No. 13 in tow alongside. One Japanese destroyer took the lead and another the rear with U.S.S. Oahu in position two, H.M.S. Ladybird in position three and the "Wantung" in position five, just astern of us. All ships proceeded with flags at half mast as

THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS OF THE CREW FAILED TO RETURN TO THE SHIP

- No. 6 3rd Engineer
- " 22 Carpenter
- " 41 Fitter
- " 43 No. 2 Fireman
- " 44 No. 3 Fireman
- " 40 Trimmer
- " 47 Trimmer
- " 61 Steward
- " 62 Ship's Cook
- " 63 2nd Cook
- " 64 Saloon Boy
- " 69 Messroom Boy

SIGNED BY:— W. G. McKenzie, Master, 24th Dec., 1937

U.S.S. Oahu and H.M.S. Ladybird were conveying the bodies of the men killed by Japanese bombers (U.S.S. Panay) on the 12th instant about ten miles above our position when attacked, and killed my gun-fire from the Japanese shore batteries at Wuhu on the same day (H.M.S. Ladybird).

16.15

Anchored for the night about five miles above Nanking.

Approaching this anchorage a raft with three Chinese peasants were seen to be paddling towards Nanking. These men were obviously entirely ignorant of the fact that Nanking was at the moment in flames. Three Japanese petrol motorboats then appeared running up stream, each fully loaded with armed soldiers. They spotted the raft, altered course towards it, then the first one ran over the raft, the second one ran over the men floundering in the water, and the third one shot at them although the men were already more dead than alive. There was no challenge. It was direct and deliberate murder. Much to their annoyance H.M.S. Ladybird dropped a boat and rescued the men.

After anchoring the Japanese destroyer cautioned them by more against repetition. This discourteous behaviour was ignored by the Ladybird.

During this night bombs thudded incessantly, and shells shrieked away making things miserable for an already thoroughly nervous group of passengers. No one slept well that night.

DEC. 16TH AT 06.55

The trip was resumed, each ship taking its former position in the Convoy. Speed ten kts. Draft limited to 9½ ft.

DEC. 16TH AT 16.20

All ships anchored for the night four miles above Kiang Yin Forts.

DEC. 17TH AT 06.12

The Convoy continued towards Shanghai in the same formation. Many sunken ships were seen at the formidable Barrier near Kiang Yin Forts. Japanese destroyers led the ships, operating paravanes for the clearance of mines in the channel. This same day at 17.15 "Whangpu" made fast to Pootung Wharf (Shanghai).

DAMAGE TO "WHANGPU" (BOMBS)

(Superstructure) Superficial damage to all foreign passenger accommodation, particularly the smoke-room which was badly shattered. No. 2 lifeboat holed. Bridge and Master's room windows shattered, also woodwork blown in.

Chinese Second Class rooms smashed up.

SUSPECT DAMAGE TO HULL,

especially aft at No. 3 Cargo port (distorted) Strongroom—distorted.

Many pieces of shrapnel found on upper decks and on the bridge.

BY SHELLING

Sanitary tank on upper deck holed. Nos. 2 and 4 Lifeboats holed.

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**FAMOUS
DOCTOR
PASSES**

Sir J. Crichton-Browne Followed Father's Path

London, Feb. 1. The death is announced of Sir James Crichton-Browne, the eminent Scottish specialist on mental diseases and public health.—*Reuter*.

Sir James was born in 1840 and educated at Dumfries Academy and Edinburgh University where he took his M.D. degree in 1862, afterwards studying in Paris. His father was Commissioner in Lunacy in Scotland. He himself specialised in the same direction and in 1875 was made Lord Chancellor's Visitor in Lunacy, a very responsible post, which he held for 27 years. Meanwhile, he became a vigorous critic of the conditions of life which the majority of the population had to put up with.

As a writer and a speaker he demanded better homes for the people. As a pioneer in the movement to get people to understand the conditions that make for health, he did most valuable work with a gift of humour, he was always welcome at public gatherings and dinners and so enlisted support for his movement.

In 1880 he was knighted and since 1889 had been vice-president and treasurer of the Royal Institution. He was a member of many British medical societies, a fellow of the Academy of Medicine of New York and received honorary degrees from St. Andrews, Aberdeen and Leeds.

Among his writings are "Victorian Jottings," and "Stray Leaves from a Physician's Portfolio." In November, 1929, when he was 89 he said he had no recipe for old age, but he believed in work in moderation, though in the busiest part of his life he used to force two years' work into one.

He ascribed disease to ignorance and declared that, as knowledge increased, infectious diseases would be practically exterminated. Men would then live to 100 and women a few years longer. At 90, 91 and 92 he published more volumes of reminiscences.

On his 90th birthday he said: "I don't feel 90. I presided over two public meetings last week and I still take regular exercise and eat what I like. I am up every morning by 8.30 for breakfast and rarely go to bed before 11."

Sir James was one of the few men still living in 1930 who had dined with Charles Dickens and had met the great scientist Faraday. To the last he retained his long Dundreary whiskers.

**FAMOUS FRENCH
EDUCATIONALIST
PASSES AWAY**

Paris, Feb. 1. M. Ferdinand Brunot, the famous French educationalist, died to-day.—*Reuter*.

M. Brunot was the doyen of the Faculty of Letters at the University of Paris, where he had also been professor of History and French language. A brilliant scholar, he was a member of the French Institute, an honorary doctor of Cambridge, Prague and Amsterdam Universities, and a member of the Academy of Amsterdam, Brussels and Copenhagen.

**21 BODIES
FOUND**

Twenty-one bodies of dead Chinese were picked up around the Colony yesterday.

Eight bodies were recovered in the Central district. Seven of these were of small-pox victims.

**CONDITIONS
IMPROVE**

Shanghai, Jan. 31. Indicating that conditions are improving in Chekiang, various provincial and private schools have decided to resume classes next week.

Meanwhile, the provincial party headquarters is conducting a registration of unemployed youths in the various districts of Chekiang. These youths will be given special training for service in the various war zones.—*Reuter*.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

The Acting Consul-General for the Netherlands announces that a Register is available at the Chancery of the Consulate General, Shell House, sixth floor, for those who wish to offer their congratulations on the occasion of the Birth of a Daughter to Their Royal Highnesses Princess Juliana and Prince Bernhard of the Netherlands.

**HONGKONG TRAMWAYS,
LIMITED**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE ORDINARY YEARLY GENERAL MEETING OF HONGKONG TRAMWAYS, LIMITED will be held at the offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., Hongkong, on FRIDAY, the 18th day of February, 1938, at 12 o'clock noon, to transact the ordinary business of the Company.

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY ALSO GIVEN THAT THE REGISTER OF MEMBERS OF THE Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, the 5th to FRIDAY, the 18th February, 1938, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
W. F. SIMMONS,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 27th January, 1938.

**THE "STAR" FERRY
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE FORTIETH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING OF THIS COMPANY will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on Thursday, the 10th February, 1938, at 11 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1937.

The Register of Shares of the Company will be CLOSED from Thursday, the 3rd February, 1938, to Thursday, the 10th February, 1938, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board of Directors,
F. H. CRAPNELL,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 26th January, 1938.



A SPECIMEN CASE
Case No. 2393

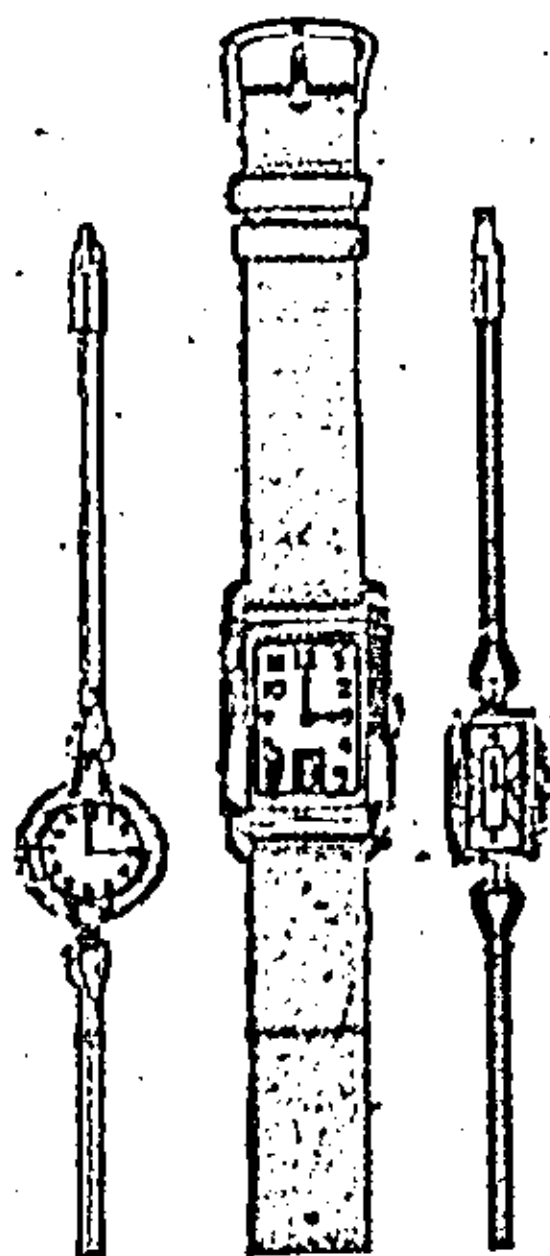
A boy of fourteen months whose father died and whose mother left him to work as an amah. His grandmother looks after him and brings him most faithfully to the centre for milk. As the result of her devotion and the Society's help he is now well and thriving with seven teeth.

**HONGKONG SOCIETY FOR THE
PROTECTION OF CHILDREN****"WORK AND LEARN
TO FIGHT"****GOEBBELS' ADVICE TO
GERMAN YOUTH**

Berlin, Jan. 31. On the occasion of the celebration of the fifth anniversary of the assumption to power of the National Socialists (Nazi) Party, Dr. Goebbels, Minister of Propaganda, reviewed the events of the past five years in a radio talk to boys and girls of the Hitler Youth Movement.

The Minister of Propaganda said that the dream of all Germans was to see their country strong and to restore Germany's honour and lead her into the circle of nations.

He appealed to students to "work and learn to fight and be strong."—*Reuter*.

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**DOCKERS
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Willing To Make
Sacrifice To
Check Warfare

London, Jan. 31. A meeting of London dockers last night considered supporting the Middlesbrough dockers' refusal to load pig iron aboard the Haruna Maru, which had to leave without cargo. It passed a resolution calling upon the Government to enforce an embargo on the export of war materials, oil and credit to Japan.

The meeting was held independently of the men's unions. One speaker declared the dockers had lost several days of unemployment benefits through the action at Middlesbrough. "If we lost six months' benefits nothing would be going to Japan to be used against the women and children of China," he declared.

Simultaneously a mass meeting at Middlesbrough passed an identical resolution. It was addressed by Miss Koo, daughter of Dr. Wellington Koo, Chinese Ambassador, who said the action of the men in refusing to load the Haruna Maru had at least saved several hundred people from being killed by the bombs which would have been made by that iron and steel cargo.—*Reuter*.

**MATSUI WARNS
BRITAIN**

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financial resources which, in turn, must be drawn from the Customs. So my conclusion is that the Customs has a direct connection with the recovery of the people and of the areas around here.

New Chinese Regime

"When I talk about taking over the Chinese Customs that does not mean the administration will come into Japanese hands, but only that the new Chinese regime, whatever it may be called—Peace Maintenance Committee or Autonomous Government—must draw its financial resources from the Customs."

Public Opinion

"Do you intend that the Chinese Maritime Customs in that case should continue to maintain foreign loan services?" Mr. Woodhead asked.

"I intend that negotiations with the Customs should include the question of foreign loan services, but it must be understood that the sum allowed for such services will be much lower than before," General Matsui replied.

Questioned about the possibility of improving Anglo-Japanese relations, General Matsui said: "The matter of improving public opinion in England and Japan can be best handled by Britons here in Shanghai. They must understand the situation in the Far East far better than outsiders."

"Members of Parliament in England might make the mistake of taking Shanghai for Hongkong, and this kind of lack of understanding might have been reflected in Great Britain's Far Eastern policy."

"I do not question the state of British concern over their investments in China and their policy of defending their interests involving such investments."

"I am afraid that if Great Britain goes beyond the policy of simply defending her interests in China and takes a determined stand to maintain her political and economic relations which have existed with the Kuomintang regime, a conflict of a very serious nature may arise between our country and our former ally."

"You must understand the Japanese stand in China is fundamentally different from that of Great Britain."

"Japan holds that China is her lifeline. What Japan has done in the past may have offended Great Britain at times, but that does not mean that Great Britain can take action in China behind Japan's back."

"Considering the growth and development of our own country, it is inevitable that Japan should expand in China."

"A lack of appreciation of this situation on the part of Great Britain

**JAPANESE
PROTEST
TO RUSSIA**

Over Cessation Of
Mail Relations

Tokyo, Jan. 31. The Japanese Government is filing a strong protest with the Soviet against the "unreasonable suspension" of the parcel post service between the two countries, a Government spokesman revealed to-day.

At the same time, Mr. Koki Hirota, the Foreign Minister, announced that he would exert his efforts to restore relations with the Soviet to normal as quickly as possible.

He said: "We are continuing negotiations with patience while seeking a solution to accumulated questions."

The spokesman also stated that the Soviet would be unable to free itself from the responsibility for the great inconvenience which had resulted from the stoppage of parcel post service, a condition which will cause trouble not only for Japan and Russia but also for third powers.—*Reuter*.

**MARSHAL CHIANG
STILL OPTIMISTIC**

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these Chinese troops involved in guerilla warfare. It was possible they operated on orders from Hankow or Chungking but he was quite certain that neither arms nor other supplies could be reaching them.

Turning his attention to the southern section of the Tientsin-Pukow railway, this spokesman reported that Japanese troops based at Mingkwang had dislodged the Chinese forces from the west of the railway over a depth of several kilometres. This had forced the Chinese left wing, which was parallel with the railway, to bend westward. The Chinese forces on this wing he estimated at between 2,000 and 3,000, and declared that almost 1,000 were left dead on the field after their engagement.

Another Clash

Meanwhile, another clash had occurred about 20 miles south-west of Mingkwang, in which about 900 men of the Chinese forces totalling 2,000 had been slain.

The spokesman said that Japanese army planes had been active during the week-end, bombing bridges and other strategic objectives along the Lungshai Railway.

The Japanese naval spokesman said it had been established definitely that all the crew of a Chinese plane shot down near Wuhu on January 26 were Russians.—*Reuter*.

Japanese Claims

Shanghai, Feb. 1. The Japanese troops have pierced the Chinese defences to the west of Mingkwang and are now advancing along the Tientsin-Pukow railway toward Pengfu, according to a Japanese army spokesman. This means that the Japanese have avoided a frontal clash along the railway and instead have skirted the strong Chinese positions by penetrating the lightly held flank. Then they wheeled and struck at the railway again.

Chinese, on the other hand, claim the Japanese from Mingkwang have been halted. It is asserted the Japanese suffered over 1,000 casualties and the Chinese admit also having lost heavily.

The Japanese warships have sailed up the Yangtze for Chikiang and the Chinese believe their object is to cover a possible landing of troops with a view to pinching the Chinese forces at present threatening Wuhu.—*Reuter*.

MARINES LEAVING

Washington, Jan. 31. The Navy Department announces that approximately 1,500 marines who proceeded to Shanghai from San Diego last August have been transferred to Honolulu.

They are sailing from Shanghai on February 18, their services being "no longer needed" in Shanghai. Nevertheless, a regiment of 1,000 men is remaining there.—*Reuter*.

may, I am afraid, lead to an unnecessary conflict between the two countries.—*Reuter*.



The many misadventures of Fred Astaire in his first solo starring comedy "A Damsel in Distress" bring him into an English castle in search of a sweetheart. Here he is seen singing madrigals. The picture is now being shown at the Alhambra Theatre.

POST OFFICE.**CHINESE NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS**

To-day, (Monday), January 31, all Post Offices will be entirely closed. There will be no collection from the pillar-boxes and no delivery.

To-morrow, February 1, the General Post Office and Kowloon Central Post Office will be open from 9.00 a.m. to Noon. The Sheungwan Branch Post Office will be open from 9.00 a.m. to 10.00 a.m. and also from 7.00 p.m. to 8.00 p.m. and the other Branch Post Offices will be entirely closed. There will be one collection from the pillar-boxes as on Sundays, one delivery of ordinary correspondence at Noon, and one delivery of registered correspondence at 11.00 a.m.

VIA SIBERIA ROUTE

Mail Service "Via Siberia" is temporarily suspended.

SHANGHAI AIR SERVICE

Air Mail Service to Shanghai is temporarily suspended.

OUTWARD MAIL TIMES
Registered and Parcel Mails are closed 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close at or before 9 a.m., registered and parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m. on the previous day.

The Money Order Office will be entirely closed during the Holidays.

INWARD MAILS

From	Per	Due
Straits	Hector	February 1.
Calcutta and Straits	Santhia	February 1.
Java and Manila	Tjisadane	February 1.
Japan	Nippon	February 2.
Saigon	Pres. Doumer	February 2.
Straits and Europe	Tasman	February 2.
(Letters and Papers) London, 6th January and London Parcels		—London date, 30th December 1937.
Japan and Shanghai	Comorin	February 3.
Japan	Tyndareus	February 3.
Japan and Shanghai	Arabia Maru	February 4.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Manila (San Francisco, date 8th January)	Chitral	February 4.
Australia and Manila	Pres. Taft	February 4.
Japan	Tanda	February 5.
	Mausang	February 6.

OUTWARD MAILS

For	Per	Date and Time
Tuesday		
Swatow	Holyang	Tues., Feb. 1, Noon.
Amoy	Shantung	Tues., Feb. 1, Noon.
Holhow, Pakhoi and Halphong	Sulyang	Tues., Feb. 1, Noon.
Wednesday		
Samshui and Wuchow	Tai Hing	Wed., Feb. 2, 8.15 a.m.
Kongmoon and Pakhoi (via Kong-Fook On)	Fook On	Wed., Feb. 2, 10 p.m. (noon).
Swatow, Foochow and Tientsin	Hupoh	Wed., Feb. 2, 12.30 p.m.
Shanghai and Japan	Pres. Doumer	Wed., Feb. 2, 1.30 p.m.
Thursday		
Samshui and Wuchow	Kongso	Thurs., Feb. 3, 8.15 a.m.
Swatow	Prominent	Thurs., Feb. 3, 3.30 p.m.
Kongmoon and Pakhoi (via Kong-Fook On)	Tai Lee	Thurs., Feb. 3, 11 a.m. (noon).
Holhow	Kiangsu	Thurs., Feb. 3, 3.30 p.m.
Air Mail for Wuchow, Kweilin, C.N.A.C. Plane	Kowloon P. O.	Thurs., Feb. 3.
Kweiyang and Chungking by the "C.N.A.C." Airways Direct Service	Reg.	Thurs., Feb. 3, 5 p.m. Ord., Feb. 2, 5 p.m.
	G. P. O.	Thurs., Feb. 3, 5 p.m. Ord., Feb. 4, 6 a.m.
Friday		
Shanghai and Japan	Comorin	Fri., Feb. 4, 10.30 a.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, East and Arabia Maru	Arabia Maru	Fri., Feb. 4, 2.30 p.m.
"South Africa"	Chitral	Fri., Feb. 4.
Straits, Ceylon, India, E. and South Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 4th March.	G. P. O. and K. P. O.	Fri., Feb. 4.
	Parcels	Fri., Feb. 4, 5 p.m. Reg., Feb. 5, 9.45 a.m. Ord., Feb. 5, 10.30 a.m.
Saturday		
Air Mail for "K.L.M. Airways Ser. Chitral"	G.P.O. and K.P.O.	Sat., Feb. 5.
"vice"—due Amsterdam, 15th Feb.	Reg.	Sat., Feb. 5, 9.30 a.m. Ord., Feb. 5, 10 a.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, East and Rio de Janeiro Maru		Sat., Feb. 5, 2.30 p.m.
South Africa	Kingyuan	Sat., Feb. 5, 3.30 p.m.
Amoy and Shanghai	Rhexenor	Sat., Feb. 5, 5 p.m.
Manila	Imperial Airways Plane	Sat., Feb. 5.
Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Plane"	G.P.O. & K.P.O.	Sat., Feb. 5.
Direct service—due London, 14th February	Reg.	Sat., Feb. 5, 5 p.m. Ord., Feb. 6, 9 a.m.
Air Mail for "Australia by Imperial Airways Plane"	G. P. O. and K. P. O.	Sat., Feb. 5.
"Airways Service"—due Darwin, 13th February	Reg.	Sat., Feb. 5, 5 p.m. Ord., Feb. 6, 9 a.m.
Sunday		
Swatow, Shanghai and Tientsin	Taksang	Sun., Feb. 6, 9 a.m.
Formosa	Hongkong Maru	Sun., Feb. 6, 9 a.m.

*Superscribed correspondence only.

**AMBASSADOR
FLIES EAST**

Bahgdad, Feb. 1. Sir Archibald John Kerr, British Ambassador to China, left here for India last night by K.L.M. airliner.

He will sail from Bombay for China on Thursday.—*Reuter*.

**LORRY DRIVER APPEARS
AT CENTRAL MAGISTRACY**

Arising out of a fatal accident in Shauiwan, Yau Sun, a lorry driver, appeared at the Central Magistracy this morning on a charge of driving without due care and caution.

He was remanded until to-morrow, bail of \$250 being allowed.

**Terrible Toll
In Bombings**

350 Dead, 700 Injured
In Barcelona

Barcelona, Jan. 31. In the air attacks made upon this war-scarred city yesterday, the death toll has mounted to 350.

In addition 700 persons have been injured, some seriously. These are the official casualties.—*Reuter*.



Chungking Sees Grim Shadow Of War Birds

HOLIDAY MARRED BY RAID ALARMS

Chungking, Jan. 30.

The grim shadow of war stole over Chungking to-day when, in the midst of preparations for the New Year, China's great annual holiday, the air raid alarm sounded. The streets were lined with sellers of fragrant plum blossom and crowded with happy shoppers at the time. It was 15 minutes past noon. For the first time in its history Chungking heard the sirens screaming. The people did not need to be told what the warning meant.

The greatest excitement ensued. Ricksha coolies jostled through the crowds of happy people, who were heading for their homes, and motor cars raced along, their horns snarling. Then armed regular troops and militia appeared and sternly ordered all pedestrians to get to their homes and take shelter.

The fire brigade took up stations to combat the city's worst potential danger—fire after bombing attacks. Police, soldiers, doctors, firemen all wore special white arm bands provided to permit freedom of movement during air raids.

No second alarm was sounded but the "all clear" was not heard until 2.25 p.m.

It was later explained the warning was given owing to three unknown aircraft having been sighted traveling in the direction of Chungking at the neighbouring town of Wushien.—Reuter.

Szechuen Now One With China Nation

Liu Hsiang Left Last Request

Chungking, Jan. 31.

The attitude of the Central Government towards rehabilitation situation in Szechuen in consequence of the recent death of the Chairman of the Szechuen Provincial Government, General Liu Hsiang, was explained by Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek in a telegram to the military commanders of the Province to-day.

The telegram was sent through General Ku Shih-tung, Director of the Chungking Provisional Headquarters and President of the Military Affairs Commission.

The Generalissimo stated that, thanks to the co-operation and loyalty of the late General Liu Hsiang, the task of national unification had been duly achieved in Szechuen. He added that in his will, Liu Hsiang, without saying a word about his private affairs, had urged his military colleagues in the Province to continue to participate actively in the campaign of resistance under the direction of the Central authorities.

Generalissimo Chiang's message states that it was the traditional policy of the Central Government to pay special attention to the welfare of the people.

"Former colleagues of the late General Liu Hsiang are my colleagues," declared the Generalissimo. "Troops formerly under his command are now under the command of the Central Government."

The telegram added that the services of men of talent in Szechuen would be amply utilized.

"Local public functionaries who obey the orders of the Central Government and observe the last will of General Liu Hsiang need have no anxiety about losing their posts," the telegram ended.—Reuter.

ST. ANTHONY'S SERVICES

FEAST OF ST. JOHN BOSCO OBSERVED

The feast of St. John Bosco was celebrated with due ceremony at St. Anthony's Church, West Point, yesterday, and many attended the morning services, which included Solemn High Mass with a sermon in Chinese.

Bishop H. Valtorta was present and officiated at a Holy Mass with General Communion. In the evening there was recitation of the Holy Rosary and Benediction, the Rev. Fr. J. Guirone delivering a homily in Portuguese.

St. John Bosco is the revered founder of the great Salesian Order and was elevated to the Order of the Saints by his Holiness the Pope at St. Peter's, Rome, on Easter Sunday, April 1, 1934. This came about after a conclave of Cardinals, presided over by the Pope, had looked over fully through the historical records of the Saint and had satisfied themselves in every way that canonisation could be fittingly bestowed.

The work of the Order is represented in Hongkong by the St. Louis Industrial School, the object of which is to receive young Chinese boys, orphans or destitutes of the middle and poorer classes, instruct them in various branches of knowledge and handicraft and train them for life in the commercial world.

LEAGUE PREPARES TO ACT

China's Appeal Before Nations

Geneva, Feb. 1.

After yesterday afternoon's Council meeting, the British, French, Chinese and Russian delegates discussed the position with regard to the Chinese appeal for assistance from the League of Nations.

They finally reached agreement on the text of a resolution to be submitted to the Council to-day. After that, if no objections have been raised, the resolution, "which draws the most serious attention of the members of the Council" to the Assembly resolution on this subject of October 26, 1937, will be submitted to a public session at 6 p.m.—Reuter.

BOYCOTT OF JAPAN GROWING

123,000,000 Said Participating

London, Jan. 31.

Organised clubs and societies with a total of 123,000,000 members and with ramifications in eleven countries are now believed to be boycotting Japanese goods.

This estimate has been published by the International Peace Campaign Committee.

The Committee is organising a Conference to be held on February 12 and 13. Madame Sun Yat-sen, who left Hongkong recently to proceed to London, will be one of the principal speakers.—Reuter.

OUTPOST SURPRISED

SYRIAN REBELS' RAID ON PALESTINE POLICE

Jerusalem, Jan. 31.

The body of an Arab police corporal was found in a police outpost which was raided by an armed gang of Syrian rebels.

The seven men comprising the garrison at the police outpost were taken by surprise and were forced by the gang to march over the border, where they were robbed of their arms and uniforms before being allowed to return.

Aeroplane and armoured cars are assisting in a search over a wide area for the raiders.—Reuter.

GAMBLERS LEFT MONEY TO TRIO OF ADVENTURERS

An armed robbery report, which later turned out to be false, was reported to the Police to have occurred about 12.30 a.m. to-day at the King Tung Towel Factory, Lai-chikok.

Following investigations, the Police were of the opinion that it was not robbery but only theft from a dwelling. It appears that a number of persons were gambling in the premises when three men entered.

It was a Police raid, the gamblers dispersed, whereupon the intruders seized the money, amounting to about \$70, and calmly walked off.

KING ZOG TO WED

Tirana, Jan. 31.

King Zog has consented to his engagement to Countess Geraldine Apponyi, aged 23, which was granted enthusiastically and immediately.—Reuter.

Countess Apponyi is an Hungarian, whose mother is American.

CHINA STILL HOLDS LEAGUE BEST HOPE OF PERMANENT PEACE

Hankow, Jan. 31.

Asked for an expression of opinion regarding the speech of Mr. Anthony Eden, Britain's chief representative at the League of Nations' Council at present in session, Dr. H. H. Kung, China's Prime Minister and Finance Minister, said:

"Mr. Eden's assurances that the British Government will hold fast to the principles on which the League is based have been of interest to the Chinese Government and people.

"Notwithstanding the slowness with which the signatory powers have responded to our appeal for assistance in righting the wrong, China has not abandoned hope that the League must triumph ultimately as the instrument of peace and justice.

CHINA AFFAIRS BUREAU PLAN

PRINCE KONOE GIVES SCHEME BLESSING

Tokyo, Jan. 31.

The establishment of a new China Affairs Bureau is likely very soon. The Prime Minister, Prince Konoye indicated this during the Budget debate in the House of Representatives to-day.

Asked whether the Government thought such a bureau necessary to deal with the ever-increasing problems of China, Prince Konoye answered affirmatively and indicated that with closer relations between Japan and China following the creation of a new Chinese Government, more attention would be given to the economic affairs of the two countries.

The Prime Minister added that at present the National Planning Board was functioning as a bureau to handle such matters and said that additional time will be required to thoroughly inquire into the circumstances for the establishment of the new organ.—Reuter.

"Unless the principles of international peace and security, on a basis of respect for international treaties, which Mr. Eden again stressed in his speech, are carried out, we later shall be plunged into the worst catastrophe yet known to human history.

"China has been the first victim of lawlessness and militarism that threaten the system of collective security. She, however, has done her full share in trying to uphold this system. Now the world must realise that China is fighting Japan's militarists not only to defend her own independence but also to uphold the sanctity of international treaties and the peace and security of the world.

To-day China is Victim "To-day the unfortunate victim of Japan's militarism is China. Tomorrow it will be some other nation if such a danger is not checked in time.

"What is more, in thus vigorously resisting Japan's militarists we are really also fighting a battle for Japan's own masses of the people.

"What Mr. Eden said before the League Council shows the great awakened to the seriousness of the menace of Japan's peculiar militarism to world peace and human happiness. To check the growth of this perilous tendency by the concerted efforts of

WAGING WAR ON DISEASE

ROOSEVELT DELIVERS MESSAGE TO U.S.

New York, Jan. 30.

The celebration of President F. D. Roosevelt's fifty-sixth birthday to-day was marked by parties and dances last night in 15,000 towns and cities throughout the United States. The proceeds of every function will be devoted to the curing of infantile paralysis and cancer.

President Roosevelt himself is a victim of the former enemy of man. To his voice is added that of the pathetic and courageous young man, Smile, son of a millionaire, who lives in an "iron lung."

In a radio message to the nation last night, President Roosevelt declared that the great struggle against paralysis and cancer was proceeding with national unity and growing success.

Since 1934, he said, hundreds of localities all over the country had created facilities to combat infantile paralysis.

The President's birthday mail amounted to 170,000 letters, the majority of which contained ten or twenty-five cents as a contribution to the fund with which he is helping the nation's war on disease.—Reuter.

FRENCH FATHER HONOURED FOR 30 YEARS' WORK

Paris, Jan. 30.

Father Robert Jacquinet, Vicar of St. Peter's, Shanghai, has been appointed a Chevalier of the Legion of Honour "for the 30 years of service in which he specially distinguished himself during the fighting in Shanghai."

It will be recalled that Father Jacquinet was one of those who strove to create a neutral zone in Nantao during the fighting there, and it is thought that through his efforts, to a large extent, the lives of thousands of war victims were saved.—Reuter.

All peace-loving countries, is certainly the world's task to-day. This, however, can be accomplished only by concrete action and not by mere words.

"The future and destiny of mankind depends so much to-day on far-sighted and bold statesmanship," he concluded.—Reuter.



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BIRTH

CHUBB.—At Foochow yesterday, to
Irene (nee Rogers), wife of
Thomas Chubb, of the Standard-
Vacuum Oil Company, a daughter,
Veronica Edwina. Both
doing well. (Shanghai papers
please copy).

The Hongkong Telegraph.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 1938.

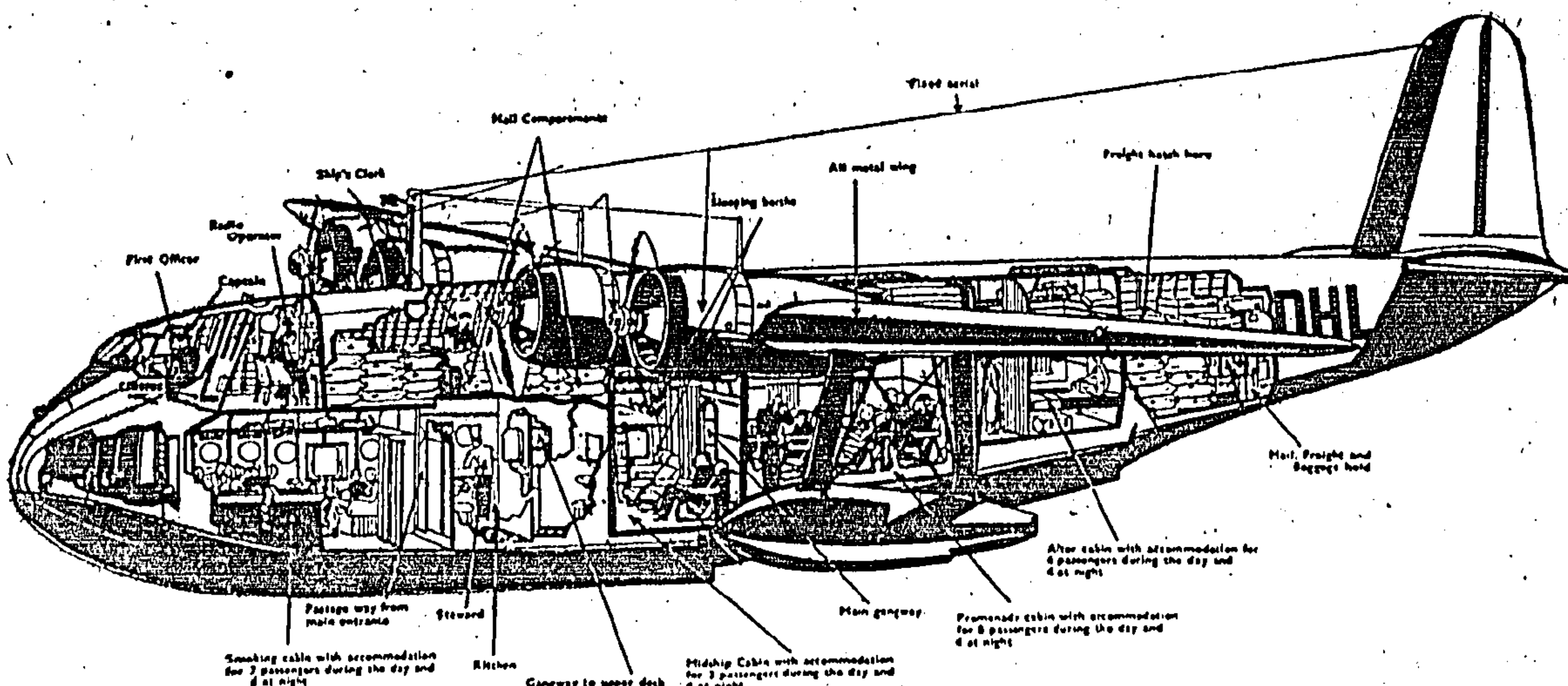
GOOD NEWS FOR CHINA

In spite of the dismal picture
which China's present position
offers to her people at the com-
mencement of her New Year,
there are at least a few signs
that the future is not wholly
hopeless. To be sure there are
our neighbours, who are fighting
the greatest and probably the
most horrible war in their
history; and the peace and
security, which are their objec-
tives on the road they travel
are still out of sight. Neverthe-
less they may take heart from
the optimism of their leader,
Marshal Chiang Kai-shek, and
from various little indications
and intimations in the news of
the world beyond their borders
which may yet play a prominent
part of the destiny of this
ancient people.

Optimism in such a man as
Marshal Chiang, of course, is to
be expected. His unflinching
courage would seem to make it
almost inevitable; though not
entirely so. It would take a
man of real spirit to admit that
his country's plight was
desperate at such a time as this.
But such an admission from the
Marshal would not mean that
the end of resistance was even
under consideration. It would
probably mean the rallying of
man-power and all resources for
one titanic effort to smash the
power of the invader. When, on
the other hand, he returns
smiling confidently from a tour
of his extensive battle front,
China should take heart.

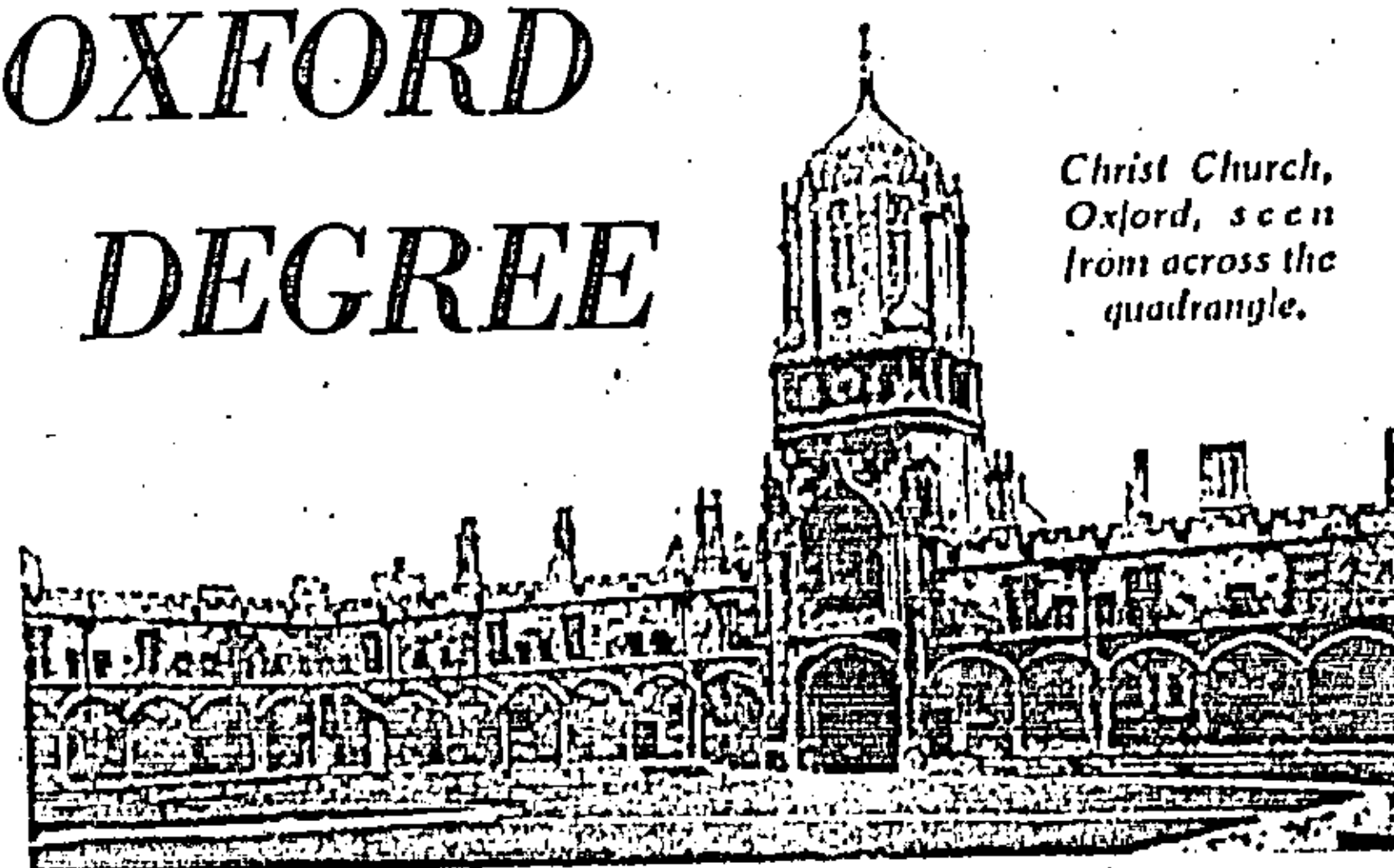
Words have been spoken at
Geneva lately, and reported in
the press of this Colony, which
would tend to strengthen the
impression that certain powers
were contemplating some sort
of intervention in the Far
Eastern field. Just what form
their action will take, whether
direct or indirect assistance to
China, it is hard to guess. More-
over, it is something difficult to
discuss. But the trend of
opinion, reflected in the words
and actions of statesmen, is
fairly obvious.

It must be appreciated, more-
over, that any moves by friendly
nations to help the struggling
democracy of Asia of necessity
must be carefully considered.
Any suggestion of recklessness
would be disastrous. But there
is a general stiffening of the
forces behind the democratic
principle, and of the attitudes of
powers which favour the idea
of collective security, altogether
heartening. There can no longer
be any doubt that collaboration
of a very definite nature exists
between the United States
and Great Britain. Such a
co-operative force, properly
directed, would mean much to
the future peace of mind of the
world.



Cross-section of an Empire Flying Boat, type which will go to Singapore.

Cash Value of an OXFORD DEGREE



Christ Church,
Oxford, seen
from across the
quadrangle.

BY KEITH BRIANT

former Editor of "Isis" and author
of the outspoken commentary on
University life "Oxford Limited."

MR. Charles Graves, dis-
cussing the other day
in "I See Life" whether Oxford
was "worth while" for the
average young man, pointed out
that well over 50 per cent. of
the undergraduates there now-
days are in receipt of some form
of financial assistance—and, pre-
sumably, as he said, could not
otherwise go there.

A Gamble

THIS is a new problem—
the result of Oxford's
progress from the preserve of
the secured classes to a
democratic University.

The majority of those who
set out impartially to weigh the
likely effect of Oxford upon
their lives must face the fact
that if they will have to earn
their living when they come
down, the expenditure of time
and money at Oxford is a
gamble which may or may not
yield a return in £ s. d.

The employer who declares
that "Oxford men are ten a
penny" and that he can get a
man with First Class Honours
for £300 a year, is doing more
than sneer at Oxford; he is
stating a fact.

As the problem of securing
employment for Oxford men
grew steadily more acute, the
University Appointments Board
came into existence.

This is an organisation which
is responsible for placing be-
tween 400 and 500 graduates
a year. Its statistics are worth
examining.

Compare the figures of Oxford
men placed by the board in 1927
with those for 1936.

	1927	1936
Educational	52	203
Government	52	64
Business and Indus- trial	52	100
Journalistic, Secre- tarial, etc.	10	16
	166	383

The significance of this is the
disproportionate increase in the
various categories. It is also
noteworthy that the report of
the board in 1936 admits that
"there seems to be a surplus of
experienced men applying for
vacancies."

For centuries Oxford seemed
to provide the key to worldly
success. The millennium has
now been achieved. Oxford is
within reach of the miner's son,
and the grandson of the laird's
gillie rubs shoulders with the
grandson of the laird.

But the miner's son is per-
plexed. Something seems to
have gone wrong—somewhere
or else an unscrupulous com-
bination of the upper classes is
conspiring to prevent him from
enjoying the fruits of his
victory.

Where he Began

HIS Oxford degree does
not seem to possess the
"Open Sesame" power it
appeared to have. For years
he slaved away at school, work-
ing while others were enjoying
themselves.

His parents saved in anticipa-
tion of the time when their son
would be at Oxford and in need
of some money to hold his own
against rich men's sons.

Then came the day when the
letter arrived saying that he
had been awarded a scholarship,
and that residence for the
Michaelmas term began on
October—

But after all that striving, it
seemed that it was all a fraud.
For here he was, back where he
started, in the front room of
No. 9, Victory-crescent, answer-
ing advertisements for jobs
which he would have had as
good a chance of securing if he
had never been near Oxford.

So it must seem to many of
the new scholarship men who
have won their way into the
University. The fruits of vic-
tory turn to ashes when the
Oxford days are over.

Jack-of-No-Trade

A MAN may decide to go
to Oxford for a variety
of reasons, but he will be a fool
if he makes his decision without
realising that, lacking money or
influence, his chances of getting
a job when he leaves there may
even be prejudiced by the fact
that he has been to the
University, is 22 or 23 years old,
and a Jack-of-no-trade.

But if he faces this fact
honestly, he may gain from

This is the boat they'll use in future

YOU read yesterday
that Imperial Air-
ways flying boats
will be placed on the Sin-
gapore route this month.

What is it like to travel in one
of these flying boats?

Suppose you want to go from
London to Alexandria. Your
fare is £40. It includes
travelling by special coach
marked Royal Mail Aircraft on
the ordinary boat-train to
Southampton. A 25-m.p.h.
motor-boat hurries you out to
your ship at its moorings. In
it you are to fly 2,300 miles in
fifteen hours—but in easy
stages. You will sleep to-
night in Marseilles, to-morrow
in Athens.

WHITE-COATED steward
holds open the lower-
deck door in the nose for you
to step through from a special
raft. On the top deck above
your head are sitting captain
and first officer at twin, side-
by-side controls. An engineer
is ready with a bathook to
cast off moorings, and radio
operator and flight clerk,
equivalent of ship's purser, are
both up above.

CARPETED passage takes
you past kitchen, through
small midship cabin into big
observation cabin with eight
seats.

Altogether there are twenty-four
armchairs in the ship. At night
they can be converted into
sixteen comfortable bunks—for
when night services begin later
this year.

A QUIVER tells you the
captain has pushed the
self-starter of the first of your
four engines. You can chat
with four engines running full-
out without raising your voice.
Feel the acceleration as you take
off. Sheets of foam lashing
past the porpoises. The ship's
half out of the water. Feel it
smack down once or twice,
then leave the waves in a
gentle climb.

Other passengers are dozing in
their chairs, ringing for drinks,
playing cards, yarning and
gossiping over smokes in the
popular forward cabin.

BESIDES twenty-three
fellow-passengers, there
are three tons of mail and
luggage hidden about the boat.
Speed of your ship is 165 m.p.h.,
top is 200 m.p.h. She weighs
18 tons, is 88ft. long, 30 ft.
between wingtips, 24ft. high,
higher than a double-decker
bus.

Victor Ricketts

Oxford the knowledge of how to
make his life a success.

One thing is certain, that with
£500 a year and a capacity for
appreciation, and developing
interests, he will have more
chance of extracting the best
from life than the man with
£50,000 who thought Oxford "a
waste of time."

For if he spent his three
years well, he will have learnt
the rudiments of the most
difficult art of all—the art of
living; and training in that
"vocation" is worth more than
three years of life and more
than £40,500 a year.

Work this one out

George was telling William the
result of a chess tournament, but,
being George, he liked to put
things in a roundabout way.
Four people, he said, played;
their names were I. M. Smith,
U. R. Smith, Reynolds and
Fellows. The Smiths were the
famous brothers who both
played for their country at
football. Reynolds surprised
everybody when he defeated
Fellows. The man who finished
third said to the winner at the
end of the tournament: "Con-
gratulations; I am very glad to
have made your acquaintance."
The runner-up was a man who
limped badly as the result of a
motor smash. He had always
lived alone with his widowed
mother. I. M. Smith was a
smart dresser; that was partly
why Fellows had chosen him as
usher at his wedding.

William got the result all
right. Can you? If not, you'll
find it on Page Seven.

THE "VERY IDEA"

THEY'RE HAPPY: ORIENT WE ALL?

CHINESE NEW YEAR WAS 2
WEEKS BEFORE FULL MOON:
KELLY BEAT THE MOON
BY FOURTEEN DAYS

By Eddie "365 DAZE" Kelly

THE Chinese year that
just ended was the Year
of the Bull.

We thought as much

It reminded us that we had
this column to write.

Chinese New Year is remark-
able chiefly because everyone
settles his debts.

But everyone gets into debt again
as soon as the New Year is born.
This sort of thing must be born.

BITTEN ORBIT?

The Chinese calendar is based on
a lunar month, and relies on the
moon whirling around the earth.

If the moon didn't whirl around
the earth, that would be the end
of the whirling.

The Chinese cycle comprises 60
years, which is about the number
added to a motorist's age by a
Chinese cyclist.

The New Year is the Year of the
Tiger. Also I.L.B., and Allsopp's
and Ewos.

When the earth revolves on its
axis 365 times there will be a year
of the Pig. Don't axis how this
happens.

PROPERLY CANNED

Europeans do not recognise the
Chinese calendar. For them,
Chinese New Years are usually
Years of the Sardine or Salmon,
fish which, as everyone knows,
hide cunningly in tins, and come
forth only when the cook-boy and
servants are on holidays.

Before 1912, Chinese eras began
with each dynasty.

Dynasty is now a notifiable dis-
ease in Hongkong. We recently
took considerable pains to verify
this.

Since 1912, the Chinese have be-
come civilised and use the Gregor-
ian calendar, which was invented by
T. Paul Gregory. Also western ri-
fls, and bullets, and aeroplanes,
and bombs, and heroin.
Sometimes the bombs and bullets
go off. But this can't be helped.
Occidents will happen.

OGPU SPY-HUNT IN ENGLAND

Colonel Tells Of Shot In Fog

Making sure his .45 was loaded in all chambers, a man set out from his West-End hotel recently to visit an old friend of his spying days. He changed taxis three times on the way in case he was followed.

He was K14, otherwise known as O.M.66. Not known so well, perhaps, by his real name of Colonel Victor Kaledin, late of the Russian Imperial Secret Service, the German, French, and British Secret Services.

"I'm never sure my 'old friends' of the OGPU are not after me," he chuckled to a reporter.

Twice Colonel Kaledin has had narrow escapes from death when shot at by mysterious pursuers in the little village of West Down, Devon, where he now has his home.

His handsome, grey-haired English wife did not want Colonel Kaledin to talk about his present perils.

"It doesn't matter. I'm well guarded nowadays," said the plump, gentleman-farmerish-looking ex-spy.

"How? Well, it's better not to say anything about that except that I always carry my .45 in my pocket, and I have never met any man quicker at the draw than I am."

HAT FLEW OFF

"One day, walking along a country lane near my Devonshire cottage, I heard the crack of a gun, and my hat flew off. When I picked it up there was a bullet-hole through it."

"A year later I was shaving in the bathroom, when there was a roar like that of an elephant-gun."

"My wife shouted: 'Look out.' It would have been too late if the man with the gun had been a good shot."

"The bullet came through the open window and made a big hole in a heavy piece of antique furniture—it was an explosive bullet."

"I ran out, but could see nothing in the fog."

"I have no proof—but I suspect the OGPU should be blamed for both attempts."

Colonel Kaledin was the son of the Governor-General of the Ukraine. His English mother died when he was a month old.

SECRET AGENT

Serious espionage work he began in 1914.

"I became a double spy," he said. "The Secret Service engineered a great scandal. I was caught cheating at cards—card had been carefully put in my pockets by a fellow-agent—and drummed out of my regiment."

"I fled to Germany, and, as we had hoped, was approached by the German Secret Service."

"Under instructions of my Russian chief, I believed four of our less trustworthy agents at Kiel to the Germans."

SHIP PLOT

"This established me so well with the Germans that I was able to discover their plan to destroy our Black Sea Fleet."

"Their plan was for the Turkish-German cruiser Goeben and Breslau to lead the Fleet out of harbour in a fog, and on some dangerous rocks near the Balaklava lighthouse. Meanwhile, a German agent, Pastor Rotkopf, was to kill the lighthouse keeper and put out the lights."

"I was double-crossed, and only arrived at the lighthouse after the keepers had been murdered and Rotkopf had destroyed the light."

"Three times Rotkopf shot at me, missing me by inches. I got him with my first bullet. Then I built a great fire of straw and furniture in the lighthouse."

"The makeshift light was visible through the fog, and the Fleet was able to sheer off—just in time."

Worked out for you

If you couldn't work out the problem above (in Column 5), start by remembering that as runner-up was a cripple he couldn't have been one of the athletic Smiths. Runner-up was also unmarred, therefore Reynolds and not Fellows was 2nd. As Reynolds beat Fellows, Fellows must have been 3rd or 4th. If Fellows were 4th, this would make the two Smiths first and third, but this is impossible since the man who finished 3rd had not previously met the winner. Therefore Fellows was 3rd. Therefore the Smith brothers were placed one and four. Now Fellows already knew I. M. Smith who was usher at his wedding. Therefore U. R. Smith was the man Fellows hadn't met before, the man who won the tournament.

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THE CLOCKWORK SOLDIER

He Just Would Not Go Back To England

HE WENT AWAY IN 1904 Always On The Spot When The Canteen Opened

Private "Nobby" Espin, of the First Battalion of the Queen's Own Royal West Kent Regiment, has returned home—for the first time in 34 years.

He landed with his regiment in the tropic Diliwara from India.

"Nobby," who is 55 years old, is known throughout the British Army as The Man Who Would Not Go Home.

He joined the Royal West Kents in 1903, and went to India with the 2nd Battalion in the following year, sailing from Southampton Docks on April 7. During the war he served in Mesopotamia.

When the battalion returned home in 1919 "Nobby" remained behind. He had himself transferred to the 1st Battalion, and was waiting for them when they arrived in India. Since then he has been either in Malta, in Singapore or in India.

He likes the Army so much that he will probably remain with his old regiment as storeman at Shorncliffe Camp.

"Nobby"—his real Christian name is Charles David—hates to talk about himself, but one of his comrades said:

"He is one of the most popular men in the Army. He has been the regiment storekeeper for many years. He is as regular as clockwork in his habits."

"When he was in India, the moment the midday bugle went—that is, when the canteen opened—'Nobby' used to shut his store and walk across the parade ground to the canteen. You could set your clock by him, for he was always on the tick."

"Nobby" has eight good-conduct badges. When his troopship called at Malta on the way home "Nobby" was presented to the Colonel of the regiment, who had a long chat with him and congratulated him on his long service.

Puzzle: "Nobby" is the nickname they always give in the Army to men named Clark. Why Private Espin is called "Nobby" is a mystery lost in the mists of antiquity.

ARMISTICE DAY OUT OF DATE?

Mass Observation, the object of which is to record the behaviour of ordinary men and women, issued recently an analysis of researches on Armistice Day.

Among the "observations" recorded were these: "Two outstanding points were—

"The widespread feeling that the ceremony was out of date and should be stopped;

"The powerful effect on the national psychology of the broken silence at the Cenotaph."

Roughly 80 per cent. of the observers kept the silence, the remaining 20 per cent. went on with their work.

REVERENCE AND LAUGHTER The psychological effect of a national day is well shown by an observer, who, writing of the silence in the factory where he works, says:

"A feeling of reverence swept the building and filled the atmosphere."

A young housewife writes: "I like these 'national' days; they make a common bond between us all so that we can speak to each other without constraint."

Several observers mention grins and laughter as a form of relief after the silence is ended.

Referring to the incident at the Cenotaph, the report says: "One can hardly avoid the conclusion that a large part of the nation which heard Stacey's outburst... was already in an uneasy frame of mind."



VIRGINIA BRUCE WED — Virginia Bruce, screen actress and widow of John Gilbert, with her new husband, J. Walter Ruben, movie director to whom she was married in Los Angeles. They are shown in their newly leased home in Beverly Hills, Cal.

GUNS OR FUNK-HOLES?

What the Army Thinks About Young Men

"The issue's clear-cut—readiness to meet an attacker, with all that implies; or contentment with the lot of the masses with their shelters and funk-holes. The Government is offering both. That alternative is forcing itself upon the young men of this country. They'll have to face up to it soon. The state of the world doesn't admit otherwise."

Guns—or funk-holes? One was quite prepared to discuss in a detached and objective manner as possible the question of recruiting for the Services, particularly the Territorial Army about whose importance in the scheme of national defence so much is said and written these days. But the owner of the Army Voice was determined not to mince matters.

"Why keep up pretences," he went on. "Are you going to let another fellow wipe his boots on you? If you're not, you must do something about it. There's only one way to prove your attitude in the matter—prepare yourself for the job you say you're ready to fill if the worst comes to the worst."

AN EXPERT'S BUSINESS How the Army mind looks at the issues involved in this momentous business of defending a nation is thought-provoking, at least. One has to recognise that as the subject of war looms ever larger in the public consciousness, so also the military mind assumes an added importance; for war, of course, is an expert's business, and the expert in this case the military mind.

Undoubtedly, the Territorial Army, its strength and efficiency, provide a burning question for those who are planning the national defence. It is doubtful if the public generally recognises the full significance behind the fact that this 30-years-old Force, the modern expression of the typically British spirit of the old Volunteers, has assumed responsibility for the defence of Britain's coasts. In the event of war, it would be the front line on the home front. That the Force greatly lacks both officers and "other ranks" is well known.

What the public thinks about things military is amply, if one-sidedly, indicated by the spate of pacifist sentiment of the post-war years. What the Army thinks of the public is particularly in relation to this vital matter of the Territorial Army, is not so well known. The subject promised interest and the Army Voice, after taking thought, was induced to continue.

"EUROPE KNOWS—" "The public generally? Oh, of course, at heart it's absolutely sound. The British, as an Imperialist people, are obviously not ready yet to throw up the sponge. Europe knows that all right. Our Navy, Regular Army, Air Force, and Territorial Army—all based on Voluntary service, mind you—testify to that."

"There's a great deal in the foreigner's continual wonderment at the mentality of the British. The Army goes all over the world and we know they'll tell you the British people are as brave as the British people. As a fighting race, in more ways than one—superb!"

"Yet they can't understand why in times of peace they act in reverse to their traditional defence services. They neglect their defence services. They encourage a lot of pacifist twaddle. Then, if war comes, they sacrifice tens of thousands of lives in order to allow tens of thousands of more men to get ready for the fray. It's absurd."

"Sentiment—too much sentiment! That's what's wrong. Half these young so-called pacifists probably don't know their own minds. But their talk has a dangerous effect on others. It tends to make young men think nothing's finer than to be a species of lounge lizard."

"DOWN ON THE RANGE" "What's wrong with knowing how to defend your country?" this in a tone of exasperation. Then the Army Voice permitted itself a "wise-crack." "You can hear them mumbling some crooning nonsense about 'Down on the Range,' or something like that. It would do them more good—and their country—if they got down on the range themselves—a rifle range."

"The guns are there; let 'em learn to use them," was the concluding exhortation.

Another Army commentary on the same subject was sought. This time the speaker was one closely connected with the Edinburgh Territorial unit. His remarks covered a different angle; if less tempestuous, they were equally stimulating to thought.

"I think the inherent partiotic feeling will come forward all right if only popular misconceptions about the Territorial Army can be cleared away. It was only natural that a section against the khaki should take place after the war. But the public have clung too long to the idea that the peace-time wearer of khaki is a man of blood and war. He's nothing of the sort. The Army man knows that if war came he'd be in the thick of it right away, and I think to-day he's probably the truest pacifist of the lot."

"Apart from that, there are numerous other factors. A young man, normally healthy in mind and body, for instance, sees on the mantelpiece a family portrait of a group of old Volunteers. They all glower heavily over heavy whiskers. One, for an apparent reason, sports more gold braid than the others. It looks Ruritanian."

YOUNG MAN'S BUSINESS "The Volunteers were splendid men, excellent marksmen, with a wonderful record of service. But the Territorial Army doesn't belong to the 'Eighties. While its spirit of camaraderie is as strong as the Volunteers', it is essentially a young man's business. It amounts to the most interesting hobby the normal man could want."

"But without, it's a very serious business. The work is more intricate—more scientific—than in the days of the old Volunteers. Pride in it and in the traditions and discipline of one's unit is probably as keen as in the Regulars—and that raises another thorny point."

"On every hand one hears all this talk about expressing one's individuality, and condemnation of the 'robot mind.' Consequently, many young men probably think—who should they become part of a soulless military machine?"

"They visualise a collection of ruminants on a barrack square, performing evolutions at the whim of a ramping, swearing sergeant-major. Why should he lower his self-respect by joining in that sort of thing, along with saluting and such-like rubbish?"

EACH MAN A SPECIALIST "One could, of course, deal at length with the necessity for training widely, and condemnation of the 'robot mind.' Without both an army would be a rabble. But actually a Territorial's work demands the highest development of personal initiative. Modern weapons and mechanisation force each man to become a specialist."

"One cannot be a robot and at the same time be successful at the sights of a gun, in an armoured car as an engineer, or as an infantry man, armed with a machine gun and compelled in the speed of modern war to snatch an advantage at a moment's notice."

"It is becoming obvious to most people, in fact, that without considerable preliminary training, a man is useless—worse than useless—at a time of national emergency. Even the lowest non-commissioned officer has to train himself to be able to take command and make important decisions."

RADIO BROADCAST

"Sword in Hand" London Relay

The following is the Radio Programme for to-day broadcast by ZBW on Frequencies of 845 kcs., 9.52 mcs. per second.

"Sword in Hand"—a Relay from London.

12.30 Vladimir Horowitz at the Piano.

Andante Mosso (From Sonata in B Minor) (Scriabin); Presto (From Sonata in A Major) (Scriabin); Transcendental (Dream Visions) Op. 12, No. 7 (Schumann).

12.45 Tchaikovsky—Romance and Juliet—Overture Tantele... Willem Mengelberg and His Concertgebouw Orchestra.

1.0 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 Musical Comedy Selections.

Selection—Seeing Stars (John and Bronson)... Debroy Somers Band (With Vocalists). Vocal Gems—The Bohemian Girl (Balfie)... Light Opera Co. Selection—Chu Chin Chow (F. Norton)... Gaumont British Orchestra, Conducted by Louis Levy.

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.40 Ernst von Dohnanyi (Piano). Schütz—Waltz (J. Strauss); "Die Fledermaus"—Du und Du—Waltz (J. Strauss).

1.48 Albeniz—Suite Iberia—Madrid Symphony Orchestra.

Conducted by Enrique Fernandez Arbes; Granados—Danza Espanola—No. 6... Madrid Symphony Orch.

2.15 Close down.

6.0-7.0 p.m. Chinese programme.

7.0 Dance Music.

In The Mission by the Sea; Little Old Lady (Foxtrots)... Roy Fox & His Orchestra. Don't You Know or Don't you care? Lost Love (Foxtrots)...

"Fats" Waller and His Rhythm. Pardon my Love, Cryin' Mood (Foxtrots)... "Fats" Walker and His Rhythm. The Moon Got in My Eyes; It's the Natural Thing to do...

Roy Fox & His Orchestra. Gone with the Wind; The First time I saw you... Roy Fox & His Orchestra.

7.30 Peter Dawson. Phil the Fluter's Ball (French); With my shillelagh under my arm (Waltz)... See a Tree (Hodges).

7.40 Leslie Jeffries & His Orch. Spring Time Serenade (Heykens); The Balkan Princess (Waltz) (Rubens). The Frolicsome Hare (Hope); Dance of the Leleles (Russell). Musical Comedy Gems (arr. Floukes).

8.0 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

8.03 Szegedi (Violin). Nigun (Improvisation) (Bloch). Danse Russe (From Petrouchka—Stravinsky); Norwegian Song (Lie); Gavotte from Classical Symphony (Prokofiev).

8.15 London Relay—"Sword in Hand."

Fencing and Duelling through the

CHINA WINS INTERNATIONAL SOCCER ENCOUNTER

HOLIDAY CRICKET

Good Sport But Bad Batting

H.K.C.C. AND SERVICES IN ANNUAL MATCH

It was not a very pleasant day for cricket when the annual Chinese New Year game against the Services was begun just after two on Saturday afternoon, though the weather improved considerably later. In the Club side there was only one change, Baker coming in for Haynes who could not get away.

In fact I am seriously beginning to wonder if such a person exists. He is put down to play regularly and yet I have never seen him. I presume that he has the job of H. E. Muriel had in '16 and '17 for even then there used to be so much work in it that late arrivals and temporary absences used to be the order of the day. The Services were not so fortunate. Their side had been picked when it looked as if the Services might not be available and to my mind lacked solidarity in the batting as, though there were at least six men who could make fifty, they were just as likely to take a blob. Then came changes. Skelton could not get off to play on Monday while Cienala was late coming in—and anyway Blacker was on the injured list—and the two places were filled by Major Rawstone and C. P. O. Huddy.

A POOR START

Man and Huddy opened to Baker and Owen-Hughes but with nine runs on the board Huddy got in front of a straight one from Baker. Ogle was in first wicket and I admit I thought he was rather too adventurous a batsman for that position but he showed admirable restraint and the two batsmen started to wear the bowler down. Both played well but Man was lucky once or twice with four through the slips which though they were all along the ground were, I think, intended for a different locality. It was not until the score had reached sixty that McLellan bowled Man with a good one, 60-2-35. Possibly Baker was not kept on too long but, with the amount of spin bowling at his disposal, it seemed that Owen-Hughes had at least three overs too many in his first spell.

A BAD PATCH

With John Pearce on things ceased to be so good for the Services. After a few uncomfortable minutes Weeden was bowled by the leg-breaker (71-3-0) and though Rawstone helped to add 18 runs he was well caught by Baker at mid-on off what he thought was a bump-ball. There was however no doubt about the correctness of the decision. Further disaster was to come as Beadnell after scoring a single was bowled by a well pitched up one from McLellan which kept low and went through quickly, 90-5-1.

BETTER THINGS

Meantime Ogle was batting excellently and punished everything loose. Chiverall stopped a quarter of an hour though he only scored a single, but then lost patience and lashed out at Owen Hughes, on again for Pearce, and lifted a big catch straight into Richardson's hands at

extra cover, 102-6-1. Godby succeeded and soon tea was taken. The catching of the Club had been poor—in the slips especially and just after tea Godby was badly dropped off Baker at second slip. This cost the Club a stand of about forty more runs, both batsmen playing good cricket. At 147 the stand finished in a curious way as Ogle tried to pull his ball away from a rising ball on the off from Baker only to find it break in so much that it bounced gently on the end of the bat and thence to Hayward at third slip, 147-7-77, a very fine innings with caution when it was necessary and forcing cricket later.

Combes was bowled first ball by a good 'un and then Godby and Paxton put on a few till the former was bowled by a good yorker from Alice Pearce who had gone on at last. Next ball Hatfield was l.b.w. and the innings closed for 163—a bigger score than had appeared probable at one time.

CLUB START BADLY

The Club began even worse than the Services as Richardson saw none of Godby's first over and dragged the last ball into his wicket. Pearce and Marshall however soon put a better complexion of things scoring fast though Paxton bowled very well and at 30 got Marshall to slush at one going away. He hit it tremendously hard and Beadnell brought off a brilliant catch close in the gully. Owen Hughes and Pearce however found no difficulty with anyone but Paxton and the score stood at 60 (Pearce not out 23, Owen Hughes not out 21) when stumps were drawn.

PLAY ON MONDAY

A dull morning early developed into a sunny pleasant day by 11 o'clock with quite a fresh breeze blowing from third-man at the Yard end. Things opened quietly just after eleven (it is pleasant to notice the great improvement in punctuality in these games) with Paxton and Godby bowling. A square cut to the boundary off the faster bowler by Pearce was the first noticeable shot and the same batsman would have had another to square leg off Paxton had not the ball hit the skirts of the umpire's coat. The only excitement was a fine attempt to catch Owen Hughes by Paxton off his own bowling. He only failed by inches to get to it. As time went on I realized that neither batsman was completely at home and that both bowlers were improving. Paxton was the best of the two but Godby got the wicket at 88 Pearce sent a short one very hard to third slip where Beadnell made another excellent catch. 88-2-

Scottish Rugger Team Chosen

London, Jan. 30. The following have been selected to represent Ireland in the International rugby match against England on February 12:

A. N. Other; Daly (Harlequins), Bailey, McMahon, Lytle (Collegians); Cromey, Morgan; Alexander, Graves, Irwin (North Ireland), Mayne, McGaw, A. Loughlin (University College), Ryan and Walker.—*Reuter*.

ENGLISH TEAM

London, Jan. 31. The following have been selected to represent England: Parker (Blackheath); Unwin, Nicholson, Cranmer, Sever; Reynolds, Giles (Coventry); Longland, Toft, Prescott (Harlequins); Huskisson, Marshall (Oxford University), Bolton, Milman and Weston.—*Reuter*.

34. Next ball Allen played back to a fast half volley and lost his off stump.

Trouble continued. McLellan snicketed a single in the slips and then after being all at sea with four balls from Paxton was bowled by the fifth (88-5-1). A sorry collapse. The next few overs were very shaky, as Owen Hughes seemed tied up and Ride looked thoroughly uncomfortable. Paxton had them so tied up that though on the slow side of medium he had no man out. Ride took advantage of this to drive him over his head for four.

At 104 Hatfield relieved Godby who had bowled very much better than I have seen him do before. The scoring continued slow—two maidens followed—then another. Then Paxton bowled a really bad long ball, Ride played an equally bad hook-shot and deep square leg dropped a less bad catch. He had to run in a good bit. The bowling was undoubtedly good, but there was no real excuse for the complete paralysis of both batsmen. Ride was lucky to survive the next over—a maiden—from Hatfield. Owen Hughes hit a fine four to long leg off a bad one from Paxton, who had bowled nearly an hour unchanged, but the next—a real beauty took his middle stump (110-6-32). He had batted seventy-nine minutes for his runs—of which sixty were on Monday morning for eleven runs!

Hayward was nearly bowled first ball but it went for four byes—Man seemed quite at sea in taking Paxton—and nearly put up a catch to backward leg off the third. However he survived, and played Paxton's next over, a maiden, much more confidently. Ride survived a very confident appeal for a catch at the wicket and celebrated it by hitting Hatfield to the square leg boundary next ball. Hayward played another maiden from Paxton quite comfortably. Hatfield again had atrocious luck in his next over as he practically bowled his own edge and skidding past the leg stump to the boundary.

A WELL EARNED WICKET

After bowling for over an hour Paxton was rested and Combes went on with slow off spinners. It looked as if he dropped a very hot catch and bowl from Ride in his first over—a maiden. Next over Hatfield got the wicket he so thoroughly deserved as he bowled Hayward with a fast one that seemed to come up with his (Continued on Page 9.)



One of the many exciting incidents in the Scottish goal in yesterday's soccer match with China. Duncan, the Scots' goal-keeper, has left his charge. Hill and Williamson have rushed in to defend. (Staff Photographer).

FOREIGN INVASION

Repulsed By Australians Tennis Titles Retained

Adelaide, Jan. 31. Adrian Quist and John Bromwich of Australia to-day completed their slaughter of the acknowledged two best tennis pairs in the world when they defeated Baron Gottfried von Cramm and Henner Henkel of Germany in the final of the Australian doubles tennis championship. Quist and Bromwich won easily in straight sets, by scores of 7-5, 6-4, 6-0.

In the semi-finals, the winners defeated Donald Budge and Gene Mako. —*Reuter*.

MIXED DOUBLES

Adelaide, Jan. 31. John Bromwich won another title when, partnered by Miss Wilson, he defeated Miss Long and Miss Wynne by 6-3, 6-2, in the final.—*Reuter*.

WOMEN'S DOUBLES

Adelaide, Jan. 31. The Australian girls, Miss Wynne and Miss Coyne, stemmed America's challenge to-day in the women's doubles championship when they overcame Miss Dorothy Bundy and Miss Dorothy Workman in the final by 9-7, 6-4.—*Reuter*.

[So far only one title, the men's singles, has been won by a foreigner, Donald Budge, who beat Bromwich in the final in straight sets.]

Japan To Challenge In America

Tokyo, Jan. 31. Japan has decided to challenge for the Davis Cup this year in the American Zone, according to the Japanese Lawn Tennis Association. Jiro Yamagishi and Fumitoku Nakano, members of last year's team, have been informally chosen by the Association to represent Japan in the competition.—*Reuter*.

Hockey

RECREIO BEATEN AT MACAO

"Hat Trick" By H. Rosario

Macao, Jan. 21. Heightening the festive season here was the very interesting hockey match played this afternoon between the Club de Recreio and Macao.

Despite the protracted waiting of an hour and half, caused by the Hongkong steamer's delay, the crowd stayed behind and were rewarded by a fine game which Macao won by 5-1.

From the very start, Macao attacked briskly and Nolasco, outside left, almost scored in the first minute. However, Macao kept on pressing and, five minutes later H. Rosario, inside left, put the ball into the net. The same player repeated the performance shortly afterwards, and he completed his "hat trick" with a high shot. Macao's fine shooting form was emphasized by H. Rosario, ten minutes later H. Rosario, inside left, put the ball into the net. Before the interval, Aires completed Macao's scoring. Upon resumption, the visitors settled down, and W. A. Reed served his forwards splendidly. After a period

SCOTS' ATTACK UNABLE TO SETTLE DOWN FUNG KING-CHEUNG AND CHAN TAK-FAI SHINE

(By "Abu")

After holding China in the first half of the game, Scotland cracked up in the second, following an early goal, and were finally defeated by three goals to nil in the Sunday Herald International charity match at Caroline Hill yesterday afternoon. China thus earned the right to meet England in the final.

Although the Chinese forward line always moved a little better than the Scots both defences played up to form and exchanges were fairly even in the first period. In the second half, however, there was no doubt that the Chinese were the better team. On several occasions they were attacking the Scottish goal continuously, and only luck—and a few timely interceptions by more than three times.

Whereas the Chinese forwards were on the move altogether, the Scots had the disadvantage of playing two wingers from the Royal Scots who were participating in their first representative game in the Colony. Whether the tremendous crowd at Caroline Hill to see the match affected their play is uncertain but they could not have done themselves justice. Gilroy, on the left wing, was very slow and in the opening minutes of the encounter he was often robbed of the ball.

UNEVEN BATTLE

In the circumstances McGuigan, Dunnachie and Fraser cannot be blamed for the failure of the Scots to get goals. The Chinese halves and backs, realising early that little danger came from the wings, concentrated on the inside trio; it was an uneven battle, though at times the Scots did get very close.

The best thing about the Scottish team was the display of the intermediates. Williamson, McCusker and Cook had a trying time in the face of the nipperiness of the Chinese attack, and it is a tribute to their efforts that it was not until the second half that the Chinese were able to score. McCusker was at his best in defence; his greatest fault was that he was never up with the forwards.

Bone and Hill, the backs, defended stoutly while Duncan, besides stopping what appeared to be an almost certain goal in the first half, dealt capably with some of the shots sent in. He had little chance with the three which beat him.

In comparison with the Scots, the understanding shown by the Chinese appeared very marked but actually it was not as good as it looked. Soong Ling-sing, for instance, was seldom at home at inside left for the Chinese despite the fact that he had his team-mate, Hau Ching-lo, on the left wing. One could not help thinking that with Liu Shui-wing in his place, the Chinese forwards would have been immeasurably more dangerous. The experiment of playing Liu Tak-po at centre-half in place of Lau Hing-choi, who was moved to the left, was not a complete success.

SHORT PASSING FAILS

Young Shui-yick and Hau Ching-lo made a fast pair of wingers, but the inside men did not make the best

use of their opportunities. An overfondness for short-passing was apparent right through the 90 minutes of the game; they seemed to be imbued with the desire to walk the ball into the net instead of taking a shot at goal whenever they could.

In some respects, however, Chan Tak-fai and Fung King-cheung more than made up for this weakness. The former was the unluckiest forward on the field. Four times—I counted them—he beat Duncan, only to see his shot strike the bar or the upright, and during the course of the match he did everything except shoot a goal.

Fung King-cheung's clever ball-control was another feature, and his goal—the second of the game—was one of the best I have seen in local football in many a long day.

As usual, Mak Shui-hon and Li Tin-sang were a safe pair of backs and improved their prospects of playing against the Corinthians with another fine exhibition. Wong Wing's return to local soccer was an auspicious one although he was inclined to over-do the spectacular stuff which, however, pleased the majority of the crowd.

THE SCORING

Five minutes after the resumption, Hau Ching-lo received a pass from Leung Wing-chiu, scored in, beat Bone and shot past Duncan for the first goal. This revitalised the Chinese attack, which certainly became more dangerous, and ten minutes later Fung drove an unstoppable shot into the net from outside the penalty area through a group of players. It fell to Hau Ching-lo again to score the third point, the result of another fine run down the left wing.

The Scots were a beaten side by this time although valiant attempts were made by McGuigan, Dunnachie and Fraser to open the scoring for their side.

Play was fast and clean throughout. A pleasant match to watch.

Teams:

China.—Wong Wing; Mak Shui-hon, Li Tin-sang; Leung Wing-chiu, Lim Tak-po, Lau Hing-choi; Yeung Shui-yick, Fung King-cheung, Chan Tak-fai, Soong Ling-sing and Hau Ching-lo.
Scotland.—Duncan (Royal Scots); Bone (Police), Hill (Club); Williamson, McCusker, Cook (Seaforths); Potts (Royal Scots), McGuigan, Dunnachie, Fraser (Seaforths) and Gilroy (Royal Scots).

INTERNATIONAL AMATEUR SOCCER MATCH

Rhyl, Jan. 22. In an amateur international soccer match played here to-day, England defeated Wales by eight goals to two.—*Reuter*.

Braddock Announces Retirement

"In Fairness To Wife & Children"

New York, Jan. 30. James J. Braddock, former heavyweight boxing champion of the world who defeated Tommy Farr recently, to-day announced his retirement from the ring.

Explaining this decision, he said "In fairness to my wife and children, I think it's time that I should withdraw. I won my last fight and I believe I can beat most of the contenders for the heavyweight title." He revealed that he is entering another business venture, but no details of this have been announced.—*Reuter*.

TABLE TENNIS TITLE

London, Jan. 29. In the table tennis championships now being held at the Albert Hall, Miss Woodhead (England) and Bellak (Hungary) beat Miss Vena and Votruba (Czechoslovakia) in the mixed doubles final by 21-14, 21-13, 18-21 and 22-20.—*Reuter*.

1939 CHAMPIONSHIPS

London, Jan. 31. The International Table Tennis Federation has decided to hold the 1939 World Championships in Egypt. The 1938 Championships have just concluded at the Albert Hall.—*Reuter*.

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GOOD SPORT BUT
BAD BATTING

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arm. 125-7-5. John Pearce came in and hit a couple of fours off a very bad over from Coombes. There were also four byes and it was doubtful if in the circumstances the right bowler had been chosen. However Pearce gave him a sitting wicket at cover. 140-6-10. Five runs later Alton was l.b.w. to Coombes after a very lucky innings (he hit the ball very hard I learn, off Hatfield) 145-9-15. Baker however treated Coombes as he deserved and hit three fours off the five balls he got, two through the covers and one to mid wicket—all jolly good shots. Stokes hit an excellent four to make it 101 for the Club and then he and Mann collided as the latter tried to dive round him to get at one that hopped up. However the damage was negligible. Next over Baker had a pretty late cut for a single and yet one more "four-byes" sent the Club into the lead. Stokes and Baker were batting quite nicely with a confidence that some of the other bats had badly needed. 170 went up though Hatfield hurried them down very gallantly. At 170 Paxton went on again for Coombes. I heard it said he should never have been taken off as his action is so easy and unfatiguing. It depended a good deal, I imagine on what he felt like. Hatfield's first really bad ball went to the tent and Baker had a single off the next ball. At 183 Paxton had Baker l.b.w. for 20 (tied third highest score) and Stokes was not out fourteen. The Club had a lead of twenty.

THE SECOND INNINGS

The Services kept in the picture of bad starts as Hatfield was clearly l.b.w. to Baker's second ball. (0-1-0). He seems to have a blind spot on the middle and leg stumps. Alton Pearce bowled at the other end—as someone unkindly suggested it may have been to give him a chance of completing his hat-trick. He did not do so but with his fourth ball he got Ogle to play on. The batsman hit the ball very hard but he had to go. 1-2-1. The Club stock was looking up. In Pearce's third over Stokes dived for an almost impossible catch and cut his arm but two or three minutes later he repaired the damage. The bowling was very keen and runs came in singles. With the score at eight Pearce pushed one past Man and the ball bounced back from Stokes' pads to stump him (0-3-5). At first it was thought that the ball had broken the wicket (and doubt going on the theory that dog does not eat dog!) but there seemed no doubt that this is a case of stumping. (N.B. This is being written as a running commentary when one cannot ask the umpire!) Baker kept the end on and then Alton Pearce had nothing interesting over. Weedon hit him for a four and a three and Beadnell hit a nice four to extra cover but he was l.b.w. to the last ball of the over. 24-4-4. The bowling was good and the pitch not too nice but things did not look as difficult as the score suggested. At 29 McLellan relieved Baker who was bowling well enough but not worrying the batsmen much. Runs came quietly and just as the batsmen seemed to be settling down for a steady pace, Alton Pearce bowled a beauty to bowl Weedon (37-5-21). The outgoing batsman had played confident cricket and one felt surprised to see the wicket fall.

A GALLANT STAND

Rawstone took a single off his first ball and next over drove McLellan past extra cover for a nice four all along the carpet, and after cut him behind point to the boundary. Despite the situation neither batsman lay down to it and they were very pleasant to watch. Allen went on for McLellan, and Owen-Hughes for Alton Pearce. Godby hooked Allen for four and then Rawstone gave a very difficult chance to cover. Rawstone came back from a high hit ball which brought a couple of runs. Godby survived a confident appeal for l.b.w. off Allen's next over, was beaten by the next and then on-drove him for four. Runs came steadily and seventy went up and one wondered how soon John Pearce would be put on. The answer came an over later when he went on for Allen at the Yard end. He had no success until in his third over he got one to go straight through and Godby was l.b.w. 88-6-28. A very useful knock, and a stand of 51 runs in 38 minutes.

Chiverrall made one or two upish shots but he stopped there and as in the first innings Owen-Hughes was kept on though he did not look particularly dangerous. Of course any left arm round bowler may get a wicket at any time but he doesn't bat many runs count. At this point he had bowled nine overs for 23 runs, and one would have thought Alton Pearce who had already taken four wickets in a similar number of overs might have gone on three overs before at least. He went on with the score at 117, but the batsman had had extra time to settle down. It must be admitted that any luck going favoured the batsmen but they played very stout cricket and runs came steadily. Rawstone at 135 opened up at Alton Pearce and it looked as if Richardson at deep extra cover would have him but the fieldsman apparently could not see the ball and never even touched it. Tea was taken at 148 with Rawstone not out 54 and Chiverrall 32. They had saved the side.

AFTER TEA

The "Services" game after tea—(about 4.15) was to get thirty or forty runs in ten or fifteen minutes (!) and then declare. Owen Hughes and Baker bowled. The former set his field with eight men on the off but did not seem to be keeping the ball up enough on that side of the wicket. At 161 Rawstone was l.b.w. to Baker in having a dip 101-7-50—

real captain's innings and a stand of 73 runs. Paxton followed though the policy of putting in a left hander when runs were wanted quickly was questionable. Two runs later Chiverrall was l.b.w. to Owen Hughes having a terrific wipe 163-8-44. A run later Paxton was caught in the gully and the innings declared for 161 for 9 wickets.

THE CLUB HAD TO HURRY

The Club had to get 145 in an hour and twenty-five minutes, and off the second ball from Paxton Richardson, amid loud applause saved the "cricket's double" with a single to extra. After a big single to square leg by Marshall, he had a nice four to extra. Six off the over. Things went on cheerfully but at 17 Richardson tried to hook Paxton and gave an easy catch at short leg. 17-1-11. With Pearce in Marshall proceeded to play pretty cricket though he took one or two chances. However at 20 Godby got an excellent one past him. 20-2-15. It was not the Club's day evidently. Four runs later Alton Pearce hit Paxton very hard to square leg straight at Chiverrall who made a good catch 30-4-3. All chance of the Club's winning seemed to have gone.

A BAD TIME

Hayward altered his batting order and sent in John Pearce but after putting Hatfield, who had succeeded Godby, away to leg for two he completely misjudged one and was caught by mid-off running behind the bowler. 40-4-2. It was now a question if the Club would lose! Owen Hughes pulled Paxton twice to the mid-wicket boundary off successive balls, on-drove him for two and hit another four to long leg all in one over. Coombes then relieved him. Sixteen runs had been added when Stokes hit at Hatfield without putting his leg across and was caught at cover 50-5-1.

MORE TROUBLE

Ride helped to add six and then Man caught him at the wickets by the unusual but effective method of clutching the ball with his legs after he had failed to take it in his gloves. The effect was somewhat Darwinian from the spectator's point of view. 62-6-2 and half an hour to go. Owen Hughes was lucky to get four from a quick through the slips off Hatfield but just after he hit a beautiful four to the tent, and the over after repeated the boundary to fine leg. He was batting excellently at this time. Chiverrall relieved Coombes and Godby returned at the Yard end. Alton Pearce who bowled very well until his last two overs. I begin to suspect he is one of those bowlers who should be used in short spells but frequently. At 94 Owen Hughes made his first really bad shot and might have been hit high up by second slip but it was travelling very fast and went to the boundary. Paxton came on for Chiverrall and bowled a maiden. At 99 Hayward tried to hit a short ball to square leg, missed it and was bowled. His score 7 runs in no way represents the value of his innings. Six minutes. Baker got a couple—not out before stumps were drawn and Owen Hughes was not out 40—he had a good chance to get his fifty but failed to connect with Paxton in the last two overs.

Owing to pressure of space and time I must reserve comment until my Friday article—that is if I don't get killed for my verbal criticisms this evening.

(R. Abbit, Monday p.m.).

UNITED SERVICES (1ST INNS.)

C. M. M. Man (Mid.), b. McLellan ... 35
C. P. Huxley (R.N.), l.b.w. to Baker ... 30
Sub. Lt. Ogle (R.N.), b. Hayward ... 17
Baker ... 77
M. P. Weedon (Mid.), b. J. L. C. ... 0
Major Rawstone (Scaforth), c. Baker ... 8
L. C. Beadnell (Mid.), b. McLellan ... 8
J. G. Chiverrall (Mid.), c. Richardson ... 1
Owen Hughes ... 23
C. R. Godby (R.A.), b. J. L. C. ... 1
P. O. Tel. Paxton (R.N.), not out ... 0
P. C. Hatfield (Mid.), l.b.w. to T. A. Pearce ... 0
Extras (Byes 2, Leg byes 3) ... 5
Total ... 103

Fall of wickets: 1/0; 2/0; 3/1; 4/0; 5/0; 6/10; 7/14; 8/14; 9/13; 10/10; 11/10; 12/10; 13/10; 14/10; 15/10; 16/10; 17/10; 18/10; 19/10; 20/10; 21/10; 22/10; 23/10; 24/10; 25/10; 26/10; 27/10; 28/10; 29/10; 30/10; 31/10; 32/10; 33/10; 34/10; 35/10; 36/10; 37/10; 38/10; 39/10; 40/10; 41/10; 42/10; 43/10; 44/10; 45/10; 46/10; 47/10; 48/10; 49/10; 50/10; 51/10; 52/10; 53/10; 54/10; 55/10; 56/10; 57/10; 58/10; 59/10; 60/10; 61/10; 62/10; 63/10; 64/10; 65/10; 66/10; 67/10; 68/10; 69/10; 70/10; 71/10; 72/10; 73/10; 74/10; 75/10; 76/10; 77/10; 78/10; 79/10; 80/10; 81/10; 82/10; 83/10; 84/10; 85/10; 86/10; 87/10; 88/10; 89/10; 90/10; 91/10; 92/10; 93/10; 94/10; 95/10; 96/10; 97/10; 98/10; 99/10; 100/10; 101/10; 102/10; 103/10; 104/10; 105/10; 106/10; 107/10; 108/10; 109/10; 110/10; 111/10; 112/10; 113/10; 114/10; 115/10; 116/10; 117/10; 118/10; 119/10; 120/10; 121/10; 122/10; 123/10; 124/10; 125/10; 126/10; 127/10; 128/10; 129/10; 130/10; 131/10; 132/10; 133/10; 134/10; 135/10; 136/10; 137/10; 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PAGE FOR MEN-FOLK

- Ralph Hewins
- Looks at Men's Fashions

The "Comfort" School is gaining Ground

IN the world of men's fashions a depth of not more than one inch in the old adage about the acme of smartness being so-briety still holds good, but the adjective "sober" is being interpreted with increasing latitude. Men are becoming more dress-conscious and more enterprising.

That is not to say there is any immediate prospect of a return to the silk and satin extravagance of "Prinny," Beau Brummell, and the Regency period.

The reaction against the sub-fuse rectitude of the maligned Victorians is still in full swing and is steadily becoming influenced by the more modern demand for sartorial comfort and simplicity.

BUT some strange anomalies are sure to be the "bolted shirt." At all formal dinner parties and banquets it is still de rigueur.

Despite such modifications as pointed instead of rounded cuffs, one, two or three buttons down the front, and the coat as opposed to the pull-over style, the "bolted shirt" is still the same old enemy—except to humorous artists.

ONE begins to suspect that these draughtsmen have a "vested interest" in the "bolted shirt" industry.

It is amazing how it has withstood all assaults. Not even the arrival of the double-breasted dinner-jacket—of "tuxedo" as its American originators would say—has rocked its position. Yet there is no denying the tuxedo is smart, easy-to-get-into, and does not automatically demand a stiff collar and stiff shirt.

"SLOPPY," the die-hards call the D.B. dinner-jacket, but few young men-about-town will agree; and they arouse no curiosity when they arrive thus clad at the smartest restaurants and in the stalls.

The tuxedo is all right. So, too, is the single-breasted dinner-jacket. With it may be worn a white waistcoat—preferably single-breasted; but, of course, never a white tie. And only waiters wear black ties with evening tail coats.

"Tails" are now being worn with the extremities reaching well down to the back of the knees. The lapels are wide, almost extending to the shoulders, and the buttons are of bone, not cloth.

"TAILS" and dinner-jackets are still being made in midnight-blue, which is supposed to look blacker at night than black itself, but the rage for the new material has dwindled. No man feels quite comfortable in blue evening kit when nights are short and electricity is not at work to do the chameleon trick.

Double-ended white ties are still worn by the meticulous, but single-ended specimens will pass. Usually

GO WEST, How To Play One Of The Vital Shots In Snooker

By Sidney Smith

RECENTLY it was my good fortune to obtain a copy of a wanderer's autobiography in which he told of an adventurous and profitable life of roaming by land and sea.

In answer to the despairing cries of young men who, despite the present boom, still lack employment, I repeat the wanderer's advice—"Pack your grip, break from the comparative comfort and shelter of your family, retain your independence by refusing to be a burden to anyone, and follow the counsel of the last generation, 'Go West, young man.'"

It has always been a favourite practice of newspapers and periodicals to publish controversial articles by the young men of to-day crying out in indignation against the allegations of the young men of yesterday, who hold that the lack of fatherly influence during the black years of 1914-1918, and the increased motherly influence, have turned war-babies into "softies," with considerably less "spunk" or "go" than their fathers.

As a modern young man and a war-baby, I refuse to accept these statements, but I must admit, my main defence—the changing of conditions—is rather vague and weak. My complaint, however, is not against the allegations of my father's generation, but against the apparent indolence and cynical attitude of certain young men of my own age.

In a Rut

I do not regard myself as any criterion, nor am I saying this with the smug, self-satisfied air you may suppose, I am simply issuing a challenge to those who are content to sit back in their chairs and enjoy themselves until a well-paid job comes along and asks in a very servile manner if they would be good enough to consider the post.

The argument against my challenge will be: "But I have no inclination to go abroad or travel. I like this country, the people in this country, and the management of this country." But when a young man is unemployed and makes no great effort to make a place for himself, or when he is employed and is content to remain in a rut with no prospects, he quickly loses his self-respect and subsequently the respect of his acquaintances.

It is perfectly reasonable that some may even detest the idea of leaving their family and friends, and seeking an entirely new circle of acquaintances in some other country. It is also probable that they may find conditions elsewhere just the same, offering no scope for their abilities, whether in a trade or profession, but in travelling one is always gathering knowledge and "broadening the mind," as it is said.

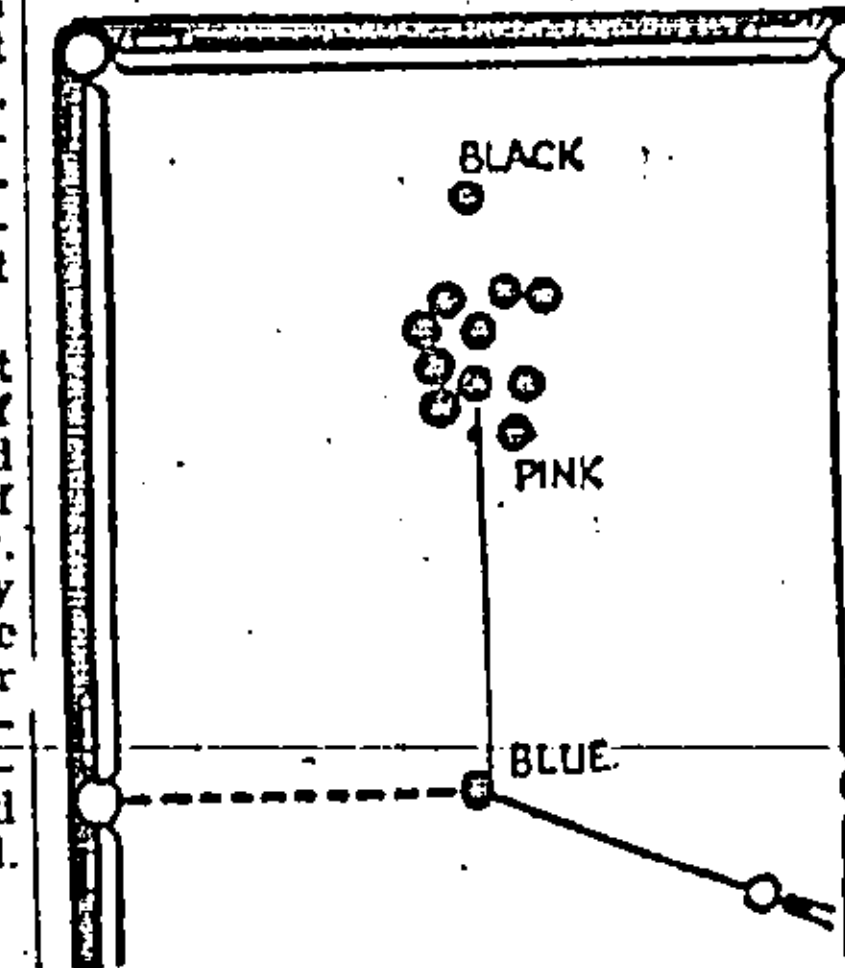
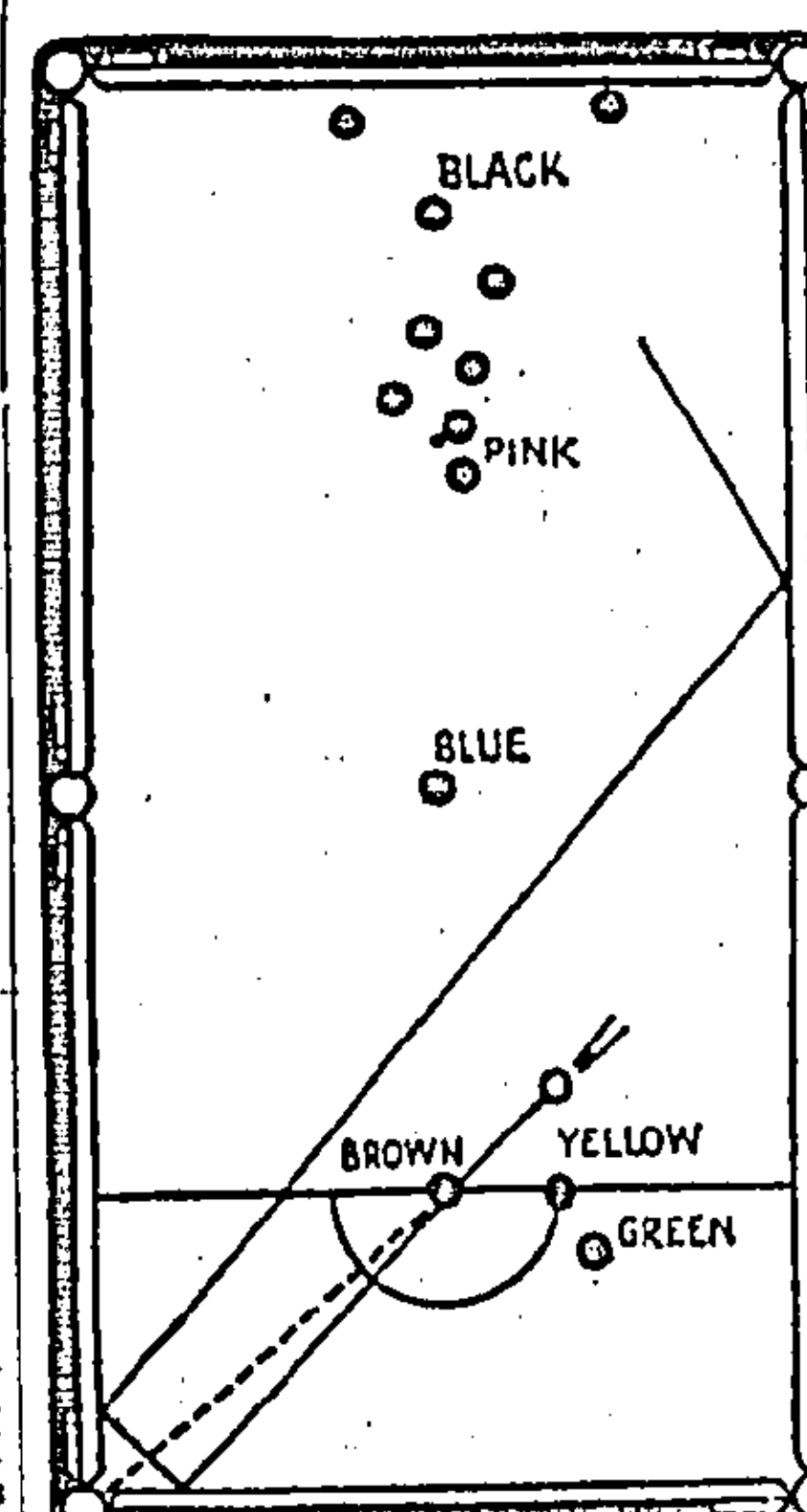
Value of Experience

Then, if a traveller does return home after several years abroad, he will undoubtedly find he has a better chance than other applicants for a position because of his wider experience.

How many young men of to-day put up with the petty tyranny and needless bullying of their bosses because they may be sacked from their blind-alley jobs? Why don't they resign of their own free will and try somewhere else? They have little to lose and everything to gain. I am not merely romancing and being impractical, but isn't it better to take a chance of finding higher ground and shift one's camp in a storm rather than sit still and hope that the ground round about which is already becoming marshy won't get any marshier?

My parting shot to those who are continually bemoaning their ill-luck in being either unemployed or in blind-alley jobs is to drop their adopted roles of martyrs and take action in changing the conditions if the conditions will not change of their own accord. Take the responsibility off your parents' shoulders, and show the men of the last generation that the young man of to-day is just as spunky and resourceful as the men who migrated from this country and helped to build our Empire.

CAN you pot a ball at speed, or are you one of many thousands of players who are liable to miss the simplest of pots when you try to employ force? I have seen moderate players who are so nervous of missing an easy colour that they ease it gently into a pocket and are consequently "on" nothing, whereas a bold forcing shot, such as that shown in Diagram 1, would give them the chance of a good break.



Top: A common forcing cue-ball struck slightly above centre to ensure it travelling smoothly round the table. No side. Bottom: Screw needed; the cue-ball must be struck below centre. Extreme care must be taken to ensure that no side is applied, as it will ruin the shot. Let the cue go well through, as this gives impetus to the cue-ball—an essential factor in breaking up the "pack."

If you are apt to bungle a forcing cue, obviously the application of speed has for some reason destroyed your accuracy of cueing, so that the aim, though taken correctly in the first place, deviates to right or left. (Incidentally, you may find, with a little observation, that the deviation is invariably to one particular side.)

Cueing, when potting at high speed, must be above approach, a good stance, a firm bridge, and a sliding action on even keel are the essentials. Let us have no illusions about that, for no one could guarantee to teach you to pot at speed unless your cue action was good.

CAUSES OF ERRORS

Looking for causes of errors, the commonest (as emphasised by Joe Davis) perhaps, is movement on the stroke. The slightest jump will in all probability mean a bungle, so that when settling down to the shot resolve to keep still.

Cause No. 2: Drawing the cue-butt back farther than normal. It is not necessary to do so to apply more speed and the effect is that it necessitates moving the upper part of the arm in the backward part of the stroke, and thus utterly ruining that essential of accurate potting—accurate cueing. No matter what speed is used, on no account move any part of the body except the forearm.

Negligence: Hasty play. This often applies to a deceptively easy shot, or one needing a rest, which the player happens to dislike. Make your stroke deliberately.

One more common cause is the use of side. Some players try to get distance with the cue-ball by using side rather than speed. Quite apart from the difficulty (not always sufficiently realised) of potting a ball when using side, it is often impossible to get the desired positional result except by a strong forcing pot.

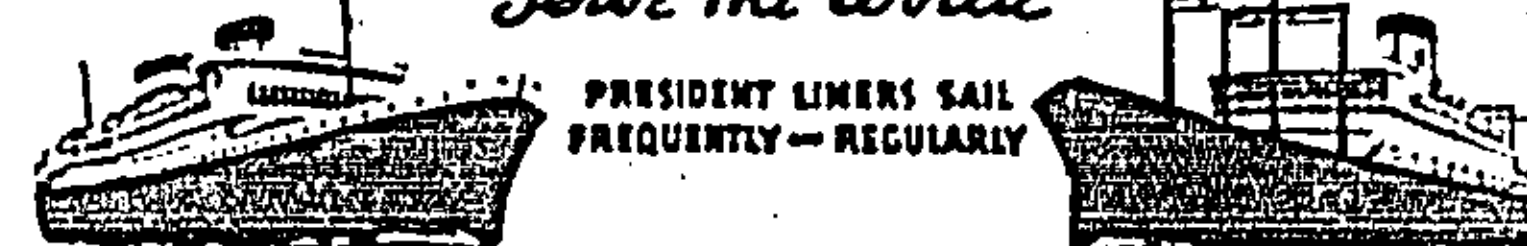
AN EXAMPLE

Look at Diagram 1 again. Some players would use side here, and find the white stopping just outside baulk—quite useless, especially as they would also take a big risk about potting the brown.

Now look at Diagram 2—a position very commonly reached. No side whatever is required. In fact, it would be highly dangerous.

A last word: Think of the type of shot we are discussing as one of speed rather than force. There is a subtle difference. Good cue-action, normal in every respect except that the forearm goes through fast, deliberate stroke; utmost steadiness; no side. These are my tips for potting at speed.

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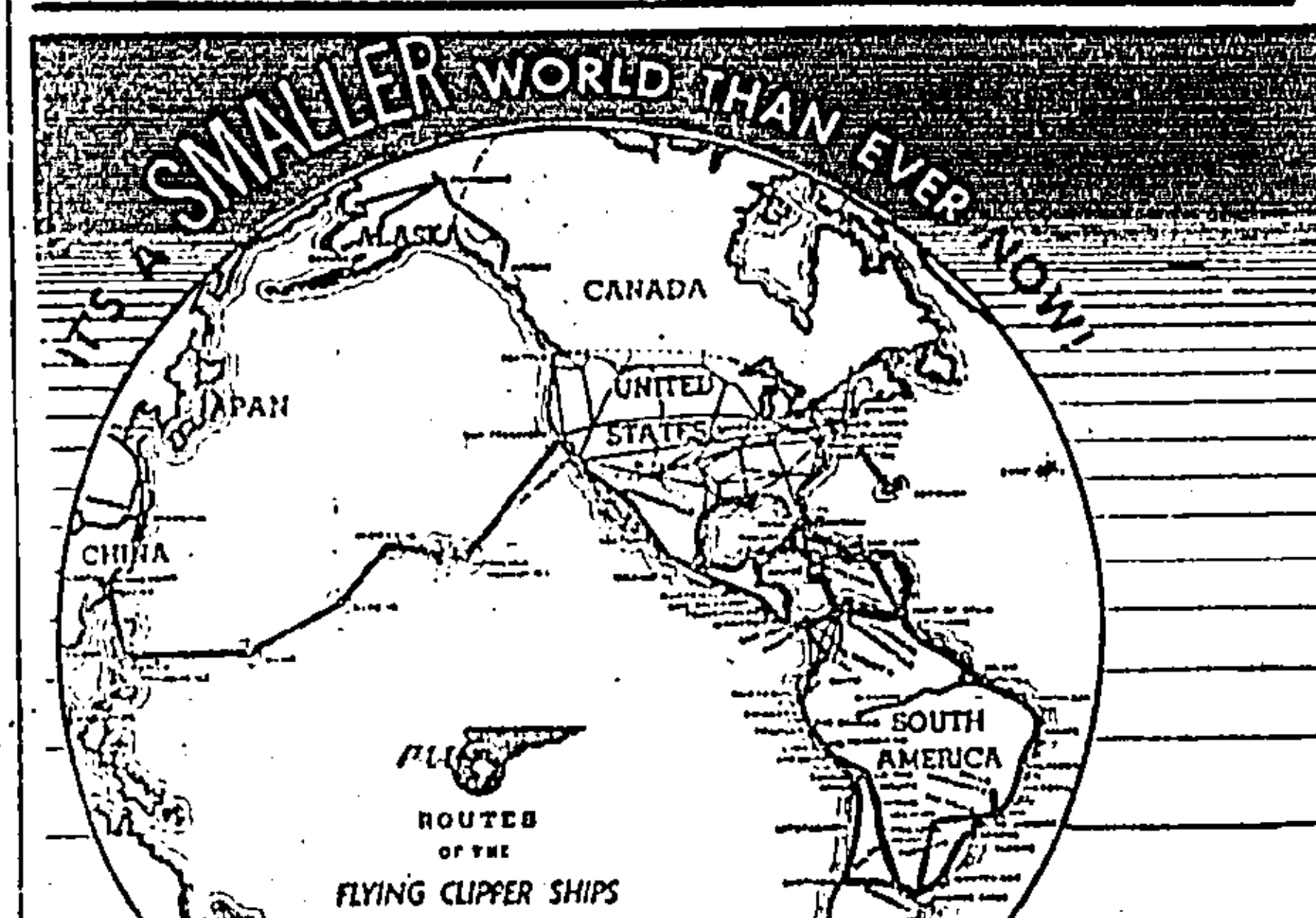
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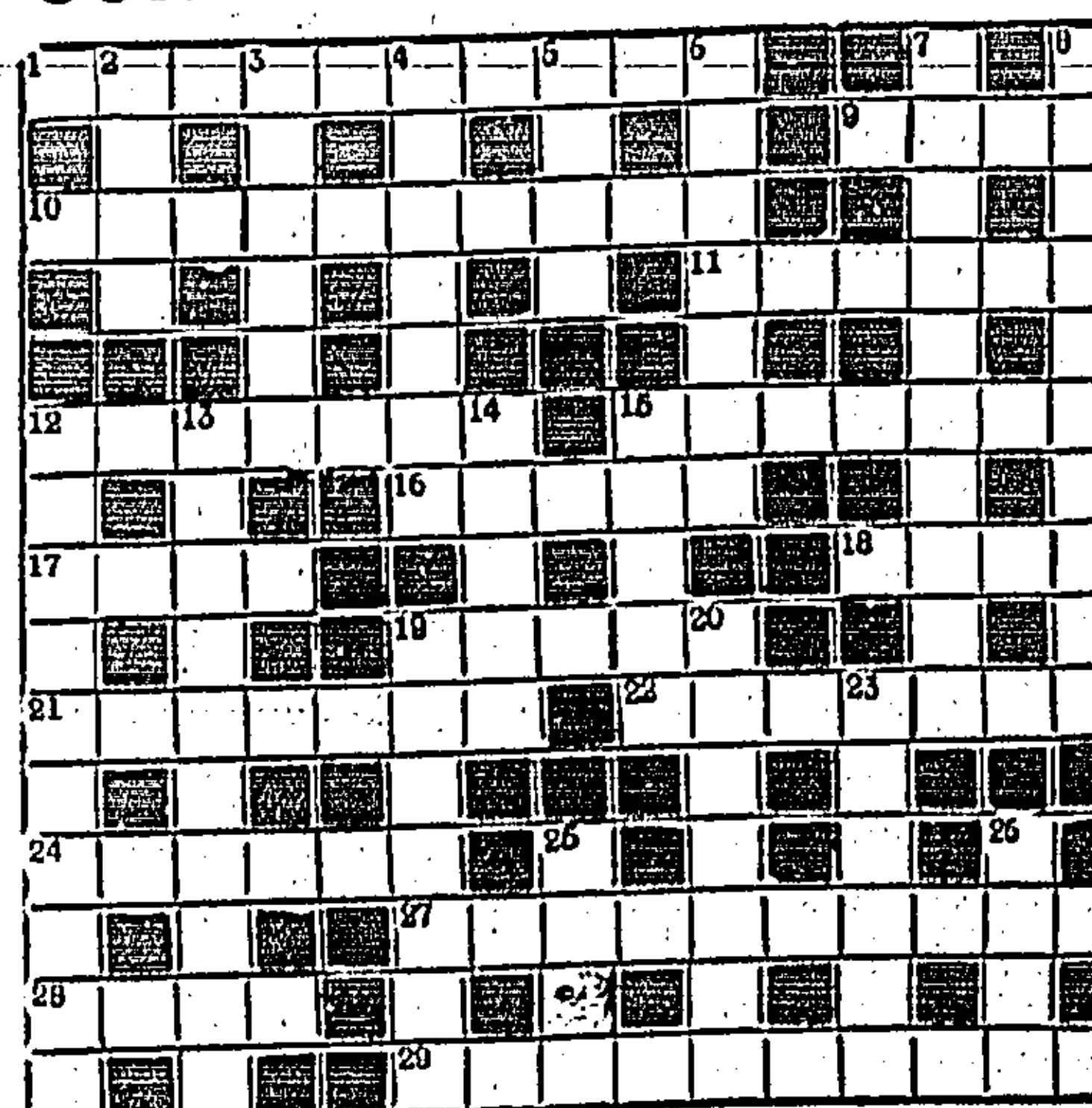
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- 1 This is never needed, one imagines, to clear the way in the tropics (10).
- 2 Whereby many an actor has been shown up (10).
- 3 One might turn this fair feature to darken 12 down (10).
- 4 Recess (5).
- 5 Certainly not an eye opener (5).
- 6 To find what is this just follow your nose (7).
- 7 Soothe (7).
- 8 A chess sacrifice (6).
- 9 A circus character, would be hurt if upset (4).
- 10 If this turn broke up there might be a riot (4).

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DOWN

- 1 A number (4).
- 2 This inevitably results from the war (6).
- 3 It would make a log run, but the motive power is not obvious (7).
- 4 This is not fair (4).
- 5 Vessel on water makes a golf course (7).

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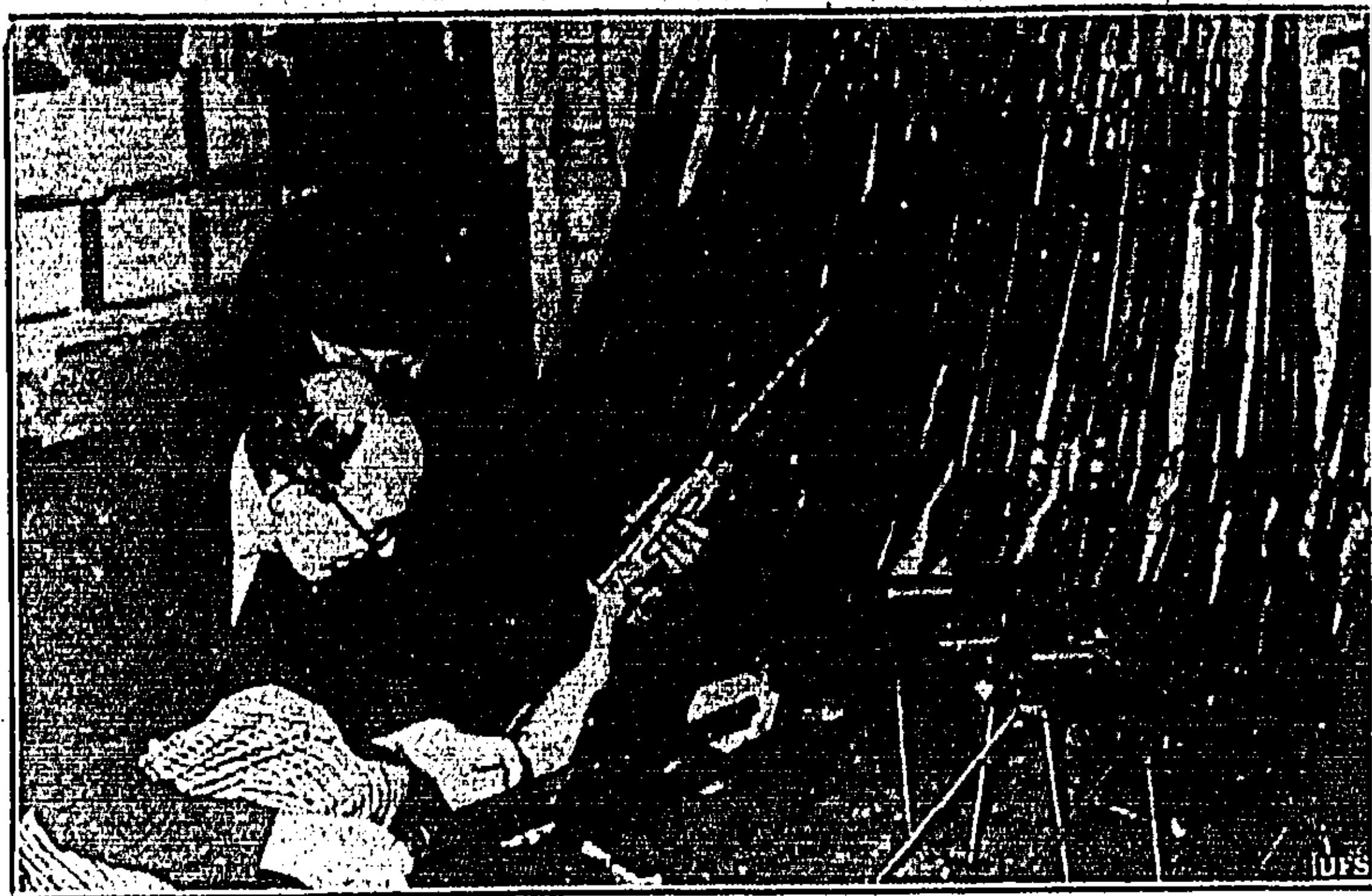
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POLITICAL ARMS—Paris police continue to discover caches of arms they assert were assembled by Les Cagouards (The Hooded Men) with intent to institute a political rebellion. Above is one of the most recent and largest of the caches, found in a basement of a garage in the Boulevard de Picpus. Stores of cartridges bore the manufacturer mark of a Toledo, Spain, munitions factory. The men at left are Paris detectives.



HALTED—Emancipator stumbled and this is what happened. Hardly could the racing horse be closer to the earth than he is here, on all fours. Meanwhile Jockey Midway appears intent on continuing the race, regardless of the halting of his mount. The spill occurred during the recent running of the Pegasus handicap steeplechase at Gatwick. This Pegasus had no wings.



SWIM SUIT—Frances Gifford, lovely screen player, is proud of her new bathing suit, shown at Palm Springs, Cal. The suit is of knitted material in novelty style, with button decorations on the brassiere, which is in the new shoulder-strap design.

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WAR DEVICES IN PEACE COUNTRY—Mars, god of war, enlists his aides even in a peaceful country. These girls in the Tavoro armaments factory in Geneva, Switzerland, known for its League of Nations peace conferences, are attaching special clockwork time fuses to bombs. This is the only factory that makes this device.



WIFE CHEERS SOLDIER—Love for her husband, fighting with the Loyalist forces on the Madrid front in Spain, caused this woman to brave personal danger to visit him. She is shown with him in the front lines.



DOLORES IN COME-BACK—Lovelier than ever, here is Dolores Costello, former wife of John Barrymore, who is staging a come-back to the screen in a new picture about to be released in Hollywood. Miss Costello, formerly a screen star, is the daughter of Maurice Costello, himself an early star of the films. Miss Costello retired after she married Barrymore.



AGA'S GRANDSON RIDES—Little Prince Kharim Khan, son of Ali Khan and grandson of His Highness the Aga Khan, fabulously rich Indian ruler and spiritual leader of 200,000,000 Mohammedans, is taken for a sleigh ride by his nurse, at a winter resort in Switzerland. His parents are in India, but his younger brother, 2½ months old, is also in Switzerland.



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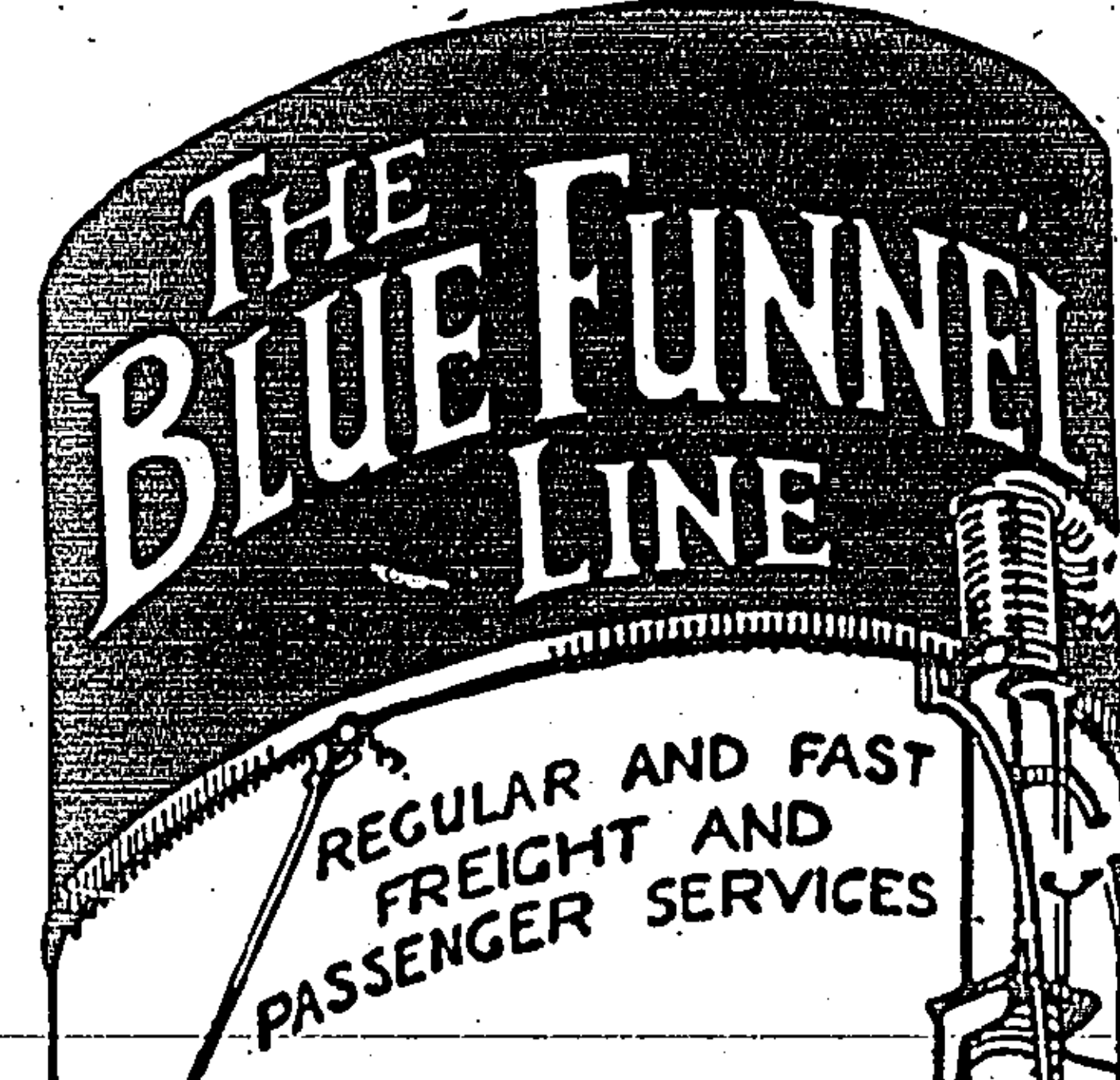
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APOLOGIES ACCEPTED?

Confusing Reports
From Washington
And Tokyo

Slapping of U.S. Diplomat Probed

Washington, Jan. 31. The State Department has announced its acceptance of Japan's expression of regret for the incident in which Mr. J. B. Allison, third Secretary of the U.S. Embassy, was recently assaulted in Nanking. It is stated that he was slapped in the face by a Japanese sentry.

The Department publishes a report from Mr. Allison stating that the Japanese intend to court martial the commanding officer and 20 men of the unit involved in the affair. — Reuter.

JAPANESE ATTITUDE

Tokyo, Jan. 31. Contrary to the statement made by the Foreign Office spokesman this morning, the incident in which Mr. J. B. Allison of the U.S. Embassy was slapped in the face by a Japanese sentry at Nanking on January 28, the U.S. Embassy here subsequently declared, was not yet closed.

The Foreign Office spokesman in his statement said the incident was settled Sunday evening when the Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs expressed the regrets of the Japanese Government to Mr. Joseph Grew, American Ambassador. Mr. Grew, he said, had previously made strong oral representations. The spokesman added that the Vice-Minister had informed Mr. Grew, firstly, that in whatever circumstances the incident might have taken place, the slapping of an American official by a Japanese soldier was extremely unfortunate. Major Hongo, a staff officer with the Japanese forces in Nanking, had gone to the U.S. Embassy and tendered in the name of the high command, there an expression of regret and apology, which had reportedly been accepted by Mr. Allison. The Japanese Government for its part, wished to express profound regret for this happening, the spokesman went on.

ADEQUATE PUNISHMENT

Moreover, said the spokesman, in view of the serious character of the incident the Japanese Government would give assurances that at the completion of a strict investigation steps would be taken for the adequate punishment of those responsible for the act. The possibility of considerable discrepancies between the version given in the United States' complaint and that received from Japanese sources was mentioned. The real facts, could be brought to light only after a strict investigation, which would necessarily be reported for a later date, the spokesman said. Questioned on the point that the Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs' statement would seem to imply that a Japanese soldier was entitled to take the law into his own hands, the spokesman answered: "Under international law in Japan a sentry is entitled to take measures of any kind." — Reuter.

Dutch Air Line To Australia

NEW SERVICE SOON

Melbourne, Jan. 31. An extension of the existing Holland-Batavia air line service to Australia will now be permitted.

Dutch aviation interests have fruitlessly endeavoured to obtain permission to extend their service to Australia. The Commonwealth Senate has agreed to a resolution removing the ban on foreign lines entering Australia, and permission has been given to the Dutch authorities to extend their service from the Dutch East Indies along the Imperial Airways route.

Inauguration of the Dutch service must not be later than July 1, otherwise the franchise will expire. — Reuter.

No Cargo For N. Y. K. Liner

HARUNA MARU STILL HELD UP IN U.K.

London, Jan. 31. The N.Y.K. liner Haruna Maru, which Middleboro wharf-labourers refused to load, arrived at the Thames to-day.

It is understood that the stevedores and docks have refused unofficially to handle general cargo, which is to be loaded on to the vessel. An official of the Chinese Campaign Committee states that the Committee is considering launching a fund to aid dockers who might lose time through refusing to work on the Haruna Maru. The fund would be operative until such time as the trades unions or the Trades Union Council chooses to aid such workers. — Reuter.

Little Boy Fell 30 Feet - And Lives

Miraculously escaping death, Bruce Lamont, 3½-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Lamont, fell 30 feet from the balcony of the Jockey Club yesterday.

The child was playing on the balcony while his parents, with some friends, were having afternoon tea at the Club. Unnoticed, the boy climbed the railings around the balcony and before he could be dragged to safety toppled through.

The frantic parents rushed below, expecting the worst. The child was still alive, however. He has been taken to the Queen Mary Hospital, and is in a serious condition.

STOP PRESS

NAVAL TREATY POWERS IN CONSULTATION

London, Feb. 1. It is learned that Great Britain, France and the United States are consulting diplomatically in view of reports that Japan may be laying down battleships beyond the London Treaty limits.

In the absence of concrete evidence in this respect the Escalator Clause of the Treaty is not likely to be invoked at present, but Japanese official denials are not sufficient to dispel the doubts of the treaty powers. Japan is not a signatory to the present London Treaty. Therefore Britain has no legal right to demand information. But it would be welcome in London if, in order to avoid the possibility of a building race, Japan would see fit to provide more details. Meanwhile, although neither Britain nor the United States wishes to build larger battleships a change of policy is bound to remain under consideration as long as Japan's attitude is not clarified. — Reuter.

U.S. ARMS BECAUSE OF JAPAN ACTIVITY

Small Opposition To Programme Anticipated

Washington, Jan. 31. The new rearmament programme, despite the circum-spection of President Roosevelt's message to Congress, is due entirely to the actions of Japan, it is admitted by well-informed quarters. In the Government and elsewhere there is general agreement that the United States fleet must be built up sufficiently to maintain the old 5-5-3 ratio between Britain, America and Japan.

Japan's secrecy and refusal to agree to limitation of the size of gun calibre is disturbing the Government and wild rumours of Japanese naval plans have probably caused more public apprehension than the actual facts, if they were known, would warrant.

The United States' answer is seen in the Vinson Bill, where authorisation for new battleships of specified tonnage but not of numbers is found. If rumours of Japan's building of huge battleships are proved well-founded it is likely the United States will build two large battleships under the Vinson Bill instead of three of treaty size. From the nature of the opposition there is no doubt but the rearmament programme will have a swift passage.

Opposition to the rearmament policy has crystallised in the Senate, with Senator Hiram Johnson of California intimating that he would raise the question of United States foreign policy in relation to naval building in the subsequent debate. He added the Senate ought to assert itself and learn what that policy is. Nobody knew at present.

No one man should have the power to decide on foreign policy secretly, said the Senator. Senator Hamilton Lewis suggested the League powers which had invited the United States to aid them in supporting China against Japan might kill two birds with one stone by ceding a certain island of possible strategic value to the United States as part settlement of War Debts. — Reuter.

Fire-Cracker Banned In S'hai Limits

Authorities Refuse To Lift Curfew

Shanghai, Jan. 31. The din of fire-crackers, traditional herald of the Chinese New Year, was absent in Shanghai to-day, owing to the bans by the Settlement and French authorities on the discharge of fireworks.

The curfew was not, as on December 31, lifted last night. Nevertheless, the holiday spirit, although much subdued compared with previous years, was abroad. Every place of amusement did excellent business.

Underlying the festivities, however, was an undercurrent of excitement, for it has been persistently rumoured during the past week that the Chinese Air Force would commemorate the New Year with a spectacular raid on Shanghai.

Police in both the International Settlement and French Concession took extra precautions, as usually there is an outbreak of crime during these holidays. It was also feared that terrorists would choose the occasion to be even more active than they have been in the past.

Many Chinese curtailed their festivities because they felt it would be out of place to greet the New Year with abandon while the grimness of war and the pitiful plight of the thousands of homeless and underfed refugees were reminders of the nation's unhappiness. — Reuter.

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INSURGENTS TORPEDO BRITISH SHIP

BRITISH LIVES LOST AS SHIP SINKS SWIFTLY

Master and Wife, With Control Officer, Among Eleven Victims

London, Feb. 1.

The British steamer Endymion, out of Gibraltar, has been torpedoed in the Mediterranean, according to a message received by the Admiralty to-day.

A radio despatch from Barcelona states the vessel was torpedoed by an Insurgent submarine off Cartagena and sank in four minutes after the explosion.

The victims included the Swedish Control Officer, appointed by the Non-Intervention Committee;

The master of the ship;
The mate and an engineer.

All the three latter being of British nationality.

All other members of the crew were saved.
The vessel was carrying 15,000 tons of coal for Cartagena.—Reuter.

Captain's Wife Lost

Barcelona, Feb. 1.
A communique has been issued by the commander of the Cartagena Naval Base, stating that eleven lives were lost in the sinking of the Endymion.

The dead include the Control Officer, the master of the ship and his wife, and the second engineer, the latter three being British.

The remainder of the crew was saved by the prompt action of the Spanish maritime authorities, it is reported.—Reuter.

British Ship Endymion, built in 1900 for the Verano S. S. Co., Ltd., by J. Fullerton and Company of Paisley, was 210 feet long, and of 887 tons.

STOP PRESS

INSURGENT ARMIES ADVANCING

Refuse Truce In Air Warfare

Franco Plans Government Organisation

Hendaye, Jan. 31.

The Insurgents at Saragossa launched four furious attacks along the Teruel-Saragossa highway.

Hundreds of Loyalists were killed in the fighting and at least 24 Russian tanks have been captured.

The heaviest Loyalist losses were suffered near Lascañas, nine miles north of Teruel. The Loyalists retreated eastwards, leaving 415 dead and 315 prisoners.

The first attack was launched at Lascañas, the second between San Blas and Campillo and the third in a sector where eighty Loyalists who were made prisoners deliberately lagged behind the Loyalist lines. A fourth attack was made on Lascañas.—United Press.

HEAVY CASUALTIES

Salamanca, Jan. 31.
A communique issued by insurgent headquarters claims the strong enemy attacks on the Teruel front were repulsed with heavy losses. The Insurgents set fire to six Russian tanks in front of their positions at Caladas, and captured 315 militiamen. The enemy left 415 dead near the Insurgent lines.—Reuter Special.

NEW GOVERNMENT PLAN

Burgos, Jan. 31.
General Franco has signed a law regulating the political and administrative structure of Nationalist Spain. The new law foresees the formation of a formal government under his presidency. The law was made public in an official bulletin issued by Nationalist Spain, and couched in first person phraseology, and followed closely the style used by Italian Fascists.
It is expected that General Franco will immediately appoint a Government.

PRESSURE CONTINUES

Barcelona, Jan. 31.
An official communique issued by the Ministry of Defence says that the pressure of Insurgent forces on the Teruel front continues, and fighting has become more intense.
The communique claims that Government artillery dispersed enemy concentrations near Torreladada.

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U.S. Naval Expert Argues For Mightier Fleet

HEIR BORN IN HOLLAND



A daughter has been born to Royal House of Holland. Princess Juliana and her baby are well. Above, the Queen of Holland, and her daughter, the Princess, heir to the throne, and the castle where the little new Princess was born, at Soestdijk.

HEIR TO HOLLAND THRONE IS BORN

"Mother And Child
Doing Well"

Soestdijk, Jan. 31.
Princess Juliana, who will some day rule with the Prince Consort as Queen of Holland, today gave birth to a daughter, assuring the country of an heir.

A bulletin issued some time after the event stated that both mother and child are doing well.

It was stated that the child was born between 9.25 a.m. and 9.30 a.m. The country, which had been waiting for days this joyful news, immediately plunged into jubilant celebration.

Among the first congratulations to be received was a message from their Majesties the King and Queen from Sandringham, and one from the ex-Kaiser Wilhelm, from Doorn.—Reuter.

HONGKONG CELEBRATES

The Dutch community in Hongkong delightedly celebrated the news of the birth of the Royal Princess.

A large party took possession of the Grill Room of the Hongkong Hotel, and toasted the baby heir to the Throne of the Netherlands, sang the National Anthem and folk songs and celebrated well into the early hours of this morning.

The Acting Consul-General for the Netherlands announces that a Register is available at the Chancery of the Consulate General, Shell House, for those who wish to offer their congratulations on the occasion of the Birth of a Daughter to Their Royal Highnesses Princess Juliana and Prince Bernhard of the Netherlands.

NATION WILD WITH JOY

Soestdijk, Jan. 31.
A small, sturdy girl with blue eyes and fair hair, weighing eight pounds, who arrived at Soestdijk Palace this morning, has sent the whole nation wild with joy. Throughout Holland and the Dutch East Indies, on Dutch

TSINING REPORTED RETAKEN

Japanese Believed
In Retreat

Chinese Admit
Set-Back

Hsueh, Feb. 1.

Chinese forces have gathered round three sides of Tsining. There are unconfirmed reports that the city has been recaptured and the Japanese are retreating to Yenchow.—United Press.

ADMIT RETREAT

Hankow, Jan. 31.
Chinese newspapers confirm the report that Chinese troops south of the Tientsin-Pukow railway have retreated to the western bank of the Chihho River, due to the total destruction of their previous positions by Japanese bombings and artillery.
The situation north of the railway is unchanged.—United Press.

THREE RAIDERS DOWNED

Loyang, Feb. 1.
The Central Government announces that three of 21 Japanese aeroplanes, which raided Loyang yesterday afternoon, were shot down by Chinese pursuit planes during an aerial combat which lasted half an hour.—United Press.

The Japanese have massed 30,000 troops along the Wuhu-Hangchow line and are equipped with 80 aeroplanes, over 100 tanks and 500 field pieces.

Heavy rains have slowed down fighting at Wuhu and along the Yangtze, and the forces are at a deadlock in Wuhu suburbs.—United Press.

JAPANESE CLAIM

Shanghai, Jan. 31.
The Dornier correspondent at Tientsin reports that the Japanese raided Loyang on Saturday, shooting down over a dozen Chinese planes. The Japanese bombed and destroyed the

MATSUI WARNS BRITAIN

British Lack Of
Appreciation May
Lead To Conflict

Remarkable
Interview

Shanghai, Feb. 1.

"Considering the growth and development of the country it is inevitable that Japan will expand in China. Lack of appreciation of the situation on the part of Britain may, I am afraid, lead to unnecessary conflict between these countries."

This statement was made by General Matsui, Japanese commander-in-chief in China, in a special interview with Mr. H. G. W. Woodhead published to-day in the February issue of *Oriental Affairs*.

Asked if he was satisfied with the relations at present existing between the Japanese high command and the Shanghai Municipal Council, General Matsui replied: "I am quite convinced that the Shanghai Municipal Council authorities are doing their best. But the question must go down to the rock bottom of British policy in the Far East. While the Far Eastern policy of Great Britain remains as it is, I must expect more

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LEAGUE PREPARES TO ACT

China's Appeal
Before Nations

Geneva, Feb. 1.

After yesterday afternoon's Council meeting the British, French, Chinese and Russian delegates discussed the position with regard to the Chinese appeal for assistance from the League of Nations.

They finally reached agreement on the text of a resolution to be submitted to the Council to-day at a private session at 12.30 p.m. After that, if no objections have been raised, the resolution, "which draws the most serious attention of the members of the Council" to the Assembly resolution on this subject of October 26, 1937, will be submitted to a public session at 6 p.m.—Reuter.

LOGICAL COURSE

Geneva, Feb. 1.
A spokesman of the Chinese delegation to the League to-day issued a statement reading:

"In asking the League to take effective action vis-a-vis Japanese aggression in China, the Chinese Government is pursuing its logical and logical course in accordance with the League Covenant.
"Efforts of the Chinese delegation at Geneva have been so directed that it is ridiculous to attribute to China the intention of manoeuvring for intervention by the United States. It is equally grotesque to say, as is reported in the press, that China has attempted to involve France and United States in war in connection with the Sino-Japanese conflict.
"During the deliberations of the Council it was suggested and the suggestion was agreed to by China that Washington should be informed, before of the discussions at Geneva, as undoubtedly the United States has the deepest interests in the Far East. Such a step was considered the more necessary as it was hoped that as a result of the Geneva discussions to furnish the American Government with useful elements for exercising its judgment.

"It is unnecessary to emphasise that the American policy is independent; it is well-known here. Therefore recent reports appearing in the press implying and alleging that certain delegations are manoeuvring to force the American Government into concerted action with the League are entirely unfounded"—Reuter.

COMPLETE COLLAPSE OF ARMS CONTROL JUSTIFIES BUILDING

Political Conditions Never More
Threatening Since 1918, Says
Admiral Leahy To Congressmen

Washington, Feb. 1.

"The enormous increases" in the naval strength of Britain and Japan made it imperative for the United States to strengthen her fleet immediately, declared Admiral William Leahy, Chief of Naval Operations, giving evidence before the Naval Committee of the House of Representatives with regard to the proposed new legislation for naval expansion.

He described the world political conditions as far more threatening than at any time since 1918, and added that no improvement is in sight.

He referred to the Japanese, German and Italian anti-Comintern pact, and said the complete breakdown of international efforts to limit armaments and the present disturbed political conditions justified the United States' naval expansion.

The U.S. fleet, he said, should ensure international respect and make attack too costly and hazardous for any nation to attempt.
There was nothing, Admiral Leahy went on, to prevent the seizure of South American republics, if the Monroe Doctrine breaks down, except the United States' sea power.

Estimate Of Strength

Admiral Leahy estimated that at the conclusion of the naval programmes begun or proposed the world's big navy powers would have the following capital ships: Great Britain 22, United States 21, Japan 14, France 11, Germany and Italy eight each.
Questioned with regard to Japan's building programme Admiral Leahy said he had no accurate information.

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Philippines Could Not Be Defended

Even With Further
20 Per Cent.
Addition To Navy

Washington, Jan. 31.

Admiral William Leahy informed the House Naval Affairs Committee to-day it would be impossible to defend the Philippine Islands against a first class sea power even with a 20 per cent. increase in the strength the Vinson Bill proposes.

He explained the strategy of the Navy was to prevent if possible any hostile power crossing a theoretical line of defence from the Aleutian Islands to Hawaii. Calculations, he said, were based on strictly defensive needs.

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HOLIDAY SAVING FOR CHINA

New York, Jan. 31.
The city's seven thousand Chinese residents did not hold their usual Chinese New Year celebrations. They are giving the money they have saved in consequence to the China Relief Fund.—Reuter.

Big Bomber Breaks Up

Lost On Flight To
Sitka From Seattle

Seattle, Jan. 31.

The Sand Point Naval Radio Station announces that one of six patrol bombers which hopped off on Saturday en route to Sitka developed engine trouble and made a forced landing on Goose Island, 100 miles south of Prince Rupert Island.
The bomber landed in shallow water near the beach, and heavy seas have commenced to break it up. The crew of five was forced to take to the water in the plane's collapsible lifeboat. They were picked up, little the worse for their experience, by the freighter Catala, and were subsequently taken aboard U.S.S. Teal.

The remaining five bombers proceeded to Prince Rupert Island, from where the naval tender Teal was despatched to the assistance of the wrecked airmen.—United Press.

PLANE DIVES, BURNS

Flagstaff, Ariz., Jan. 31.
Searchers on Mt. Wilson, eight miles north of Sedona, have reported that they have found the wreckage of the Stinson monoplane which crashed on December 29.
The wreckage was a mass of blackened and twisted steel. The bodies of the occupants including Gerald Vultee, famous aircraft designer, and his wife, were burnt beyond recognition.
The Stinson hopped off from Flagstaff en route to Santa Monica on Saturday and its radio became silent at 10 a.m.
More than 100 people commenced a search for the wreckage at dawn.—United Press.

When Your Child Is Ill

DON'T immediately imagine that your child is suffering from some fatal disease and rush frantically round the room with hot-water bottles in your hands.

On no account let the child see that you are worried or his vivid imagination will get to work and he will develop a temperature. Keep calm yourself and the patient also will feel a lot better.

Taking temperatures every five minutes is a favourite habit of many mothers—and a very bad one. Thermometers should be kept out of sight, as well as all medicines, bandages, rubber gloves, and disinfectants. They will only serve to frighten a nervous child, and tempt the curious one to sample the bottles for himself.

A clean, fresh bedroom is essential. Put away all clothes and school books, draw the curtains, sprinkle the pillow with lavender perfume, and place flowers and fruit by the bedside. Keep the room at an even, not too warm, temperature.

A Light Diet

Keep the child on a light diet for the first day, and if the stomach is out of order, give him the necessary medicine, followed by a hot drink of weak tea. If the pain is also accompanied by a headache, lay a cloth across the forehead which has been wrung out in a solution of ice-cold water and vinegar.

Excitement must, of course, be avoided, so do not allow any visitors, or, on the first day, books and magazines to read. A light childish aliment requires only plenty of sleep, quietness, and a little food to put him right again. Leave him quite alone, do not fuss, and the patient will in a couple of days be again full of life.

Perhaps the child is feverish, and in this case if the fever has not abated after 24 hours, you should call in the doctor. Indeed, whilst it is not necessary to have medical attention on the slightest pretext, no illness should be allowed to go on too long before you learn exactly what is wrong. The correct treatment may make all the difference between a long illness and a quick recovery, so do not rely entirely upon your own experience, and follow the Doctor's Instructions.

Remember to follow the doctor's instructions faithfully and realise that he knows more about the little patient's illness than you do—even though he may be your only child and you are naturally a very worried parent!

Every child has days when he wants to "play truant" and pretend to be poorly, so do not be misled by gruesome tales of mysterious pains which rapidly change their position from one part of the body to another. A threat of castor oil in such cases will often result in a miraculous banishment of all ills and a quick return to health.

Caution must, however, be exercised, and here again an experienced mother will be able to distinguish the difference between a real and an imaginary ailment.

Convalescence

A long illness must be followed by a long convalescence, and even more care must be exercised here. Young children make specially difficult patients, and now is the time when visitors can be allowed and also plenty of toys and books.

Unduly long visits or playtimes must be avoided, and the small patient should have a special hour for sleeping each morning and afternoon. Very excitable young visitors should be kept away until the patient is quite strong.

To help the child entertain, place a small table in his room and let him serve tea in the bedroom. Dainty sandwiches, plenty of fruit and lettuce, as well as glasses of milk, should form the chief diet.

In any case, always have everything spotlessly clean and neat so as to tempt the patient's appetite. It will often be found that a child who has no wish to eat anything, will do so if a small friend is also invited to the meal.

Only give the child a hot bath if the doctor allows it. Many mothers think that this is a cure for all ills—it can, however, be extremely dangerous, and a warm sponge three times a day is sufficient to keep the patient fresh.

No amount of care during illness will compensate for carelessness during convalescence, so even if your patience is almost exhausted, try to retain a firm hand and a sense of humour until the doctor issues the welcome words that everything is again "In Order."

O. L.

BRONZE GREEN & COPPER

New Colour Contrasts

FOR practical purposes winter coats are of necessity dark in colour, and it rests with the frock beneath to put a sparkle and the necessary dash of colour into the outfit.

One of the smartest combinations just now is black and London tan. Sitting opposite me in a restaurant the other day was a woman in a short black fur coat worn over a dress in this attractive reddish brown with a matching hat. It made a most arresting and fashionable ensemble.

Two other shades that are definitely popular for wear with black are copper rust and a bronze green. They also blend in well with browns, grey, navy or tweed.

Our artist has sketched for you to-day dresses and coats inspired by the mid-season collections now showing in London. These illustrate the importance of the coat and dress question.

Coat collars have shrunk away to nothing, and fur is most conspicuous when it appears on coats elsewhere than at the neckline.

Particularly novel are the fur sleeves which, except in the flat fur, are rather on the cumbersome side. A spiral effect is shown in one of the smaller illustrations carried out in fox.

Scotch moleskin is being used again in Paris, and sea lion is a much favoured newcomer this season to the dress world.

With dresses all the interest centres above the waistline and there is a feeling for styles with fancy tops. This enables you to obtain the necessary gay note beneath your coat. Fabrics in soft shades with a tinzel thread running through are being used for these models. One style I noticed in wool had shiny American cloth leaves applied all over the bodice of the dress; the idea was continued on the belt.

MARY GRACE.

WIVES who boss their HUSBANDS

Last week at a dance I was introduced to a young couple who had been married early this summer. The wife of twenty-one was obviously and rightly proud of her husband, but I was surprised at her strongly expressed sense of possession. Her husband had given me one dance, when I overheard her say "You are not to dance with her again, John."

John, poor man, took it quite meekly, but the incident set me thinking of this "bossy" trait of my sex, and of its boomerang effect on those who practise it. Nothing kills love more quickly than this easily-acquired habit.

The young bride, having "captured" her man, often determines at an early stage to prohibit husband with other women. This early putting her foot down on innocent conversations and meetings can, with the average man, only have one result.

Nagged at for what he knows to be a most trivially harmless association, he will cease to tell his wife of any meeting with feminine acquaintances.

Unfortunately, the habit of bossing, early acquired by a wife, grows rapidly, and the miserable and unfortunate husband soon finds many other harmless pastimes and pleasures vetoed. No wonder family men often disappear, to seek respite from a steady stream of instructions and warnings.

The morning string of admonitions about lunch things to be done, and the final exhortation not to be late, often proves too much for a hardly wrought business man, and he finds himself unable to face the evening instalment of reproaches.

A spotless and admirably run home is no compensation to a man who knows he is always on the edge of a domestic volcano; and however well-meaning a wife may be, her zeal for perfection can make life a ruin for her partner.

J. M. W.

Help Kidneys

Don't Take Draught Drugs

Your kidneys have nine million tiny tubes or filters which are endangered by neglect or draught, irritating drugs. Beware! If kidney trouble or bladder weakness makes you suffer from Getting Up Nights, leg pains, Nervousness, Headaches, Stiffness, Backache, Lumbago, Circles Under Eyes, Swollen Ankles, Neuritis, Burning Urine, Smarting, Acidity of Urine, or if you don't sleep, try the Doctor's new discovery called "SHE-KO" (SHE-KO) which cleanses and helps sick kidneys. Starts work in 15 minutes. Gives new health, youth, and vitality in 48 hours. Cures cystitis, and is guaranteed to end your troubles in 5 days or money back. At all chemists.



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Red fox spirals round the sleeves of a brown novelty wool coat. Bronze green predominates in the border print jacket worn with grey coat and skirt. Copper rust evening blouse of tinzel cloth over a black satin skirt.

JUNIOR COLUMN Do you know what a bantam-weight is?

TEN-YEAR-OLD G. D., is a boxing enthusiast. He has made a list of the various weights that boxers fight under and thinks the list might help other Junior Column readers when they hear or read about boxing matches.

I don't know if girls will be interested—but here is the list:—
Fly-weight 8 stones
Bantam-weight 8 stones 6 pounds
Feather-weight 9 stones
Light-weight 9 stones 8 pounds
Welter-weight 10 stones 7 pounds
Middle-weight 11 stones 6 pounds
Light-heavy-weight 12 stones 7 pounds
Heavy-weight No limit
Tommy Farr, most famous of our present British boxers, is a heavy-weight.

MINUTE HINT

Zinc receptacles should be washed with soap and hot water containing a little borax. Scour well inside and out with a paste of paraffin and bathbricks if particularly dirty and greasy.

Keeping fit in Winter By Family Doctor

THE cold weather has brought me many letters from readers asking my advice on chest complaints. Where the trouble is long-standing, and the lungs are diseased, change of climate such as a winter in Egypt or in parts of Switzerland, will help considerably. Where this is not possible, a change to one of our own Southern resorts may help; or a few weeks at a hospital or sanatorium may give others the strength they need.

But whatever the treatment, in all cases of bronchitis or asthma, the patient's own medical adviser should be consulted before starting on any departure from the normal routine.

For all of us there are general health rules to be followed in winter if we are to keep fit. Exercise is wonderful in cold weather for improving the circulation and so helping the breathing. It is to be hoped that the B.B.C. will at some future date reconsider its decision and arrange for physical jerks to be broadcast every morning.

THOSE who come to London from the country for the first time will probably recollect one long series of violent colds. The change from the cosy warm tube to the biting blast in the street takes some getting used to. In time we learn to take climate, germs and all in our stride.

The practice of gargling with warm antiseptic before going out in the morning is not always wise, as the cold air may strike on a clean relaxed throat, and cause tonsillitis. It is best to gargle at night.

Aspirins and other drugs which promote perspiration should never be taken just before leaving home.

At the outset of a cold, remember that 24 hours in a warm house may save you a week in bed later.

The protective foods, which are contained mostly in dairy products, are invaluable in winter. Apples and oranges, appear to avert influenza, in some people, who are constantly exposed to this infection. Fresh air, keeping the body warm, the feet dry, and eating good nourishing meals, will keep all the ills of winter at bay for most of us.



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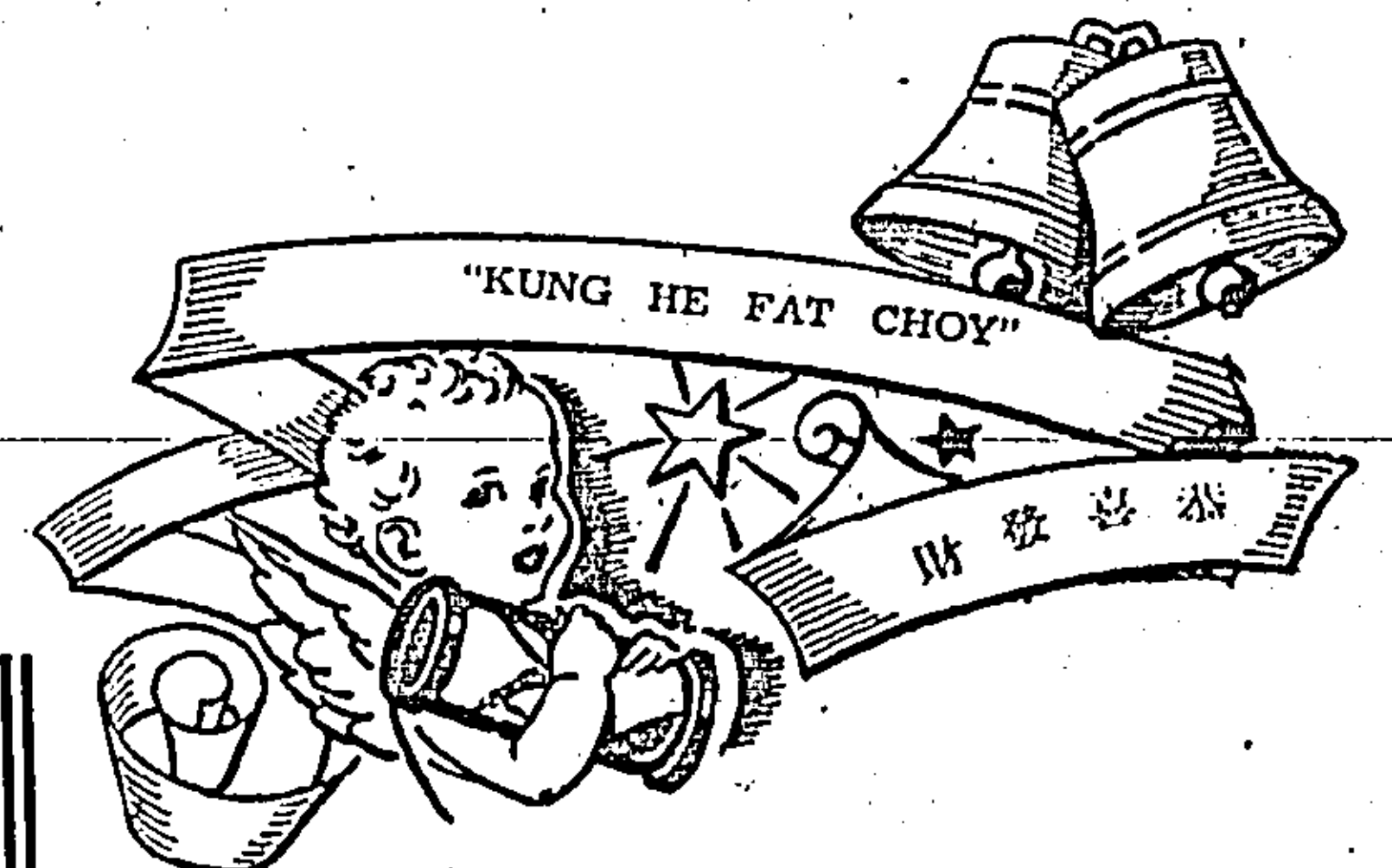
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Anglo-American Collaboration Never Closer

BRITISH FIRST LORD WELCOMES NEWS OF U. S. NAVY EXPANSION

"Better For Peace Of World" Declares Mr. Duff-Cooper

London, Jan. 30.

Anglo-American collaboration, on both naval and diplomatic questions, has probably never been so full as it is at present, declares the well-informed *Daily Telegraph's* diplomatic correspondent to-day.

He states that for the past three days there have been renewed close contacts between the British and the American Navy Department and that discussions have centred on the Far East, and especially the naval construction programme of the two countries in the light of Japanese building plans.

The French naval *attache* here attended the last of these conversations here.

The correspondent adds that the increasingly close co-operation of the British and American naval authorities is becoming a factor for frequent comment in London diplomatic circles.

The statement of Mr. A. Duff-Cooper, First Lord of the Admiralty, in a speech at Birmingham on Saturday that "the stronger the United States' navy is the better for the peace of the world" is regarded as both symptomatic and enlightening.—*Reuter*.

Wants No Endorsement

Geneva, Jan. 30. It is stated in authoritative quarters that there is no question the League of Nations Council or any member of that body asking the United States for endorsement of any resolution the Council may be considering.

Nothing of the kind has ever been contemplated.

All that has been done in the past has been to keep the United States informed as a matter of courtesy to that country's Government.

It is fully realised in British circles that the United States is acting on parallel lines in the Far East and the question of concerted action does not arise.—*Reuter*.

Boncour At Geneva

Geneva, Jan. 30. M. Paul Boncour, one of the most capable of French diplomats, arrived here to-day to replace M. Yvon Delbos, French Foreign Minister, as head of the French delegation.

M. Boncour had a long interview with Lord Cranborne during the course of the evening.

No meeting of the Council has been fixed for to-morrow. But the Commission of Twenty-eight, for the Reform of the Covenant, will meet in the morning.

It is understood the Chinese delegates have not received instructions from their Government and there is some doubt whether the Council will be able to take up the matter of the Chinese appeal to-morrow.—*Reuter*.

Another Geneva Angle

Geneva, Jan. 31. Apparently the international scheme to arm China's soldiers is doomed as a result of the rejection of the plan by United States and France due to the fear that they would become involved in the Far East war. Observers interpreted the reluctance of the League to approach Washington as an admission the plan was doomed.

It was originally understood Britain, on behalf of the other conferees, would submit to Washington concrete proposals but at present British and French sources indicate they will merely "allow" the Chinese to make their request to Washington. Since this could have been done at any time apparently the situation is unchanged.

Earlier despatches indicated, on a basis of semi-official information, that the British had inspired the League Council in planning to proceed with plans to aid China, despite the lack of American endorsement.

May Weaken Support

It is reported the United States' attitude may weaken French support at Geneva. Paris despatches say France, Britain and Russia may be reluctant to proceed to answer China's demand for aid unless the United States is prepared to assist also.

The semi-official announcement dealt only with the British, French, Russian and Chinese resolution to be submitted to the Council to-day. This resolution is believed to call upon the powers to put into effect the October 5 recommendation to League members "to refrain from any action which might weaken China's power of resistance." It did not refer to a French, British and Soviet plan to approach the United States with regard to extending material aid to China.

It announced there was "no question of the Council asking for United States' endorsement of any resolution."

DOCKERS DEMAND EMBARGO

Willing To Make Sacrifice To Check Warfare

London, Jan. 31

A meeting of London dockers last night considered supporting the Middlesbrough dockers' refusal to load pig iron aboard the Haruna Maru, which had to leave without cargo. It passed a resolution calling upon the Government to enforce an embargo on the export of war materials, oil and credit to Japan.

The meeting was held independently of the men's unions. One speaker declared the dockers had lost several days of unemployment benefits through the action at Middlesbrough. "If we lost six months' benefits nothing would be going to Japan to be used against the women and children of China," he declared.

Simultaneously a mass meeting at Middlesbrough passed an identical resolution. It was addressed by Miss Koo, daughter of Dr. Wellington Koo, Chinese Ambassador, who said the action of the men in refusing to load the Haruna Maru had at least saved several hundred people from being killed by the bombs which would have been made by that iron and steel cargo.—*Reuter*.

APOLOGIES ACCEPTED?

Confusing Reports From Washington And Tokyo

Slapping of U.S. Diplomat Probed

Washington, Jan. 31. The State Department has announced its acceptance of Japan's expression of regret for the incident in which Mr. J. B. Allison, third Secretary of the U.S. Embassy, was reportedly assaulted in Nanking. It is stated that he was slapped in the face by a Japanese sentry.

The Department publishes a report from Mr. Allison stating that the Japanese intended to court martial the commanding officer and 20 men of the unit involved in the affair.—*Reuter*.

JAPANESE ATTITUDE

Tokyo, Jan. 31. Contrary to the statement made by the Foreign Office spokesman this morning, the incident in which Mr. J. B. Allison of the U.S. Embassy was slapped in the face by a Japanese sentry at Nanking on January 26, the U.S. Embassy here subsequently declared, was not yet closed.

The Foreign Office spokesman in his statement said the incident was settled Sunday evening when the Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs expressed the regrets of the Japanese Government to Mr. Joseph Grew, American Ambassador. Mr. Grew said, however, that the Japanese moral representations, made through the Vice-Minister, had informed Mr. Grew, firstly, that in whatever circumstances the incident might have taken place the slapping of an American official by a Japanese soldier was extremely unfortunate. Major Hongo, a staff officer with the Japanese forces in Nanking, had gone to the U. S. Embassy and tendered in the name of the high command there an expression of regret and apology, which had reportedly been accepted by Mr. Allison. The Japanese Government, for its part, wished to express profound regret for this happening, the spokesman went on.

ADEQUATE PUNISHMENT

Moreover, said the spokesman, in view of the serious character of the incident the Japanese Government would give assurances that at the completion of a strict investigation steps would be taken for the adequate punishment of those responsible for the act. The possibility of considerable discrepancies between the version given in the United States' complaint and that received from Japanese sources was mentioned. The real facts could be brought to light only after careful investigation, which would necessarily be reserved for a later date, the spokesman said. Questioned on the point that the Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs' statement would seem to imply that a Japanese soldier was entitled to take the law into his own hands, the spokesman answered: "Under internal law in Japan a sentry is entitled to take measures of any kind."—*Reuter*.

JAPANESE PROTEST TO RUSSIA

Over Cessation Of Mail Relations

Tokyo, Jan. 31. The Japanese Government is filing a strong protest with the Soviet against the "unreasonable suspension" of the parcel post service between the two countries, a Government spokesman revealed to-day.

At the same time, Mr. Koid Hirota, the Foreign Minister, announced that he would exert his efforts to restore relations with the Soviet to normal as quickly as possible.

He said: "We are continuing negotiations with patience while seeking a solution to accumulated questions." The spokesman also stated that the Soviet would be unable to free itself from the responsibility for the great inconvenience which had resulted from the stoppage of parcel post service, a condition which will cause trouble not only for Japan and Russia but also for third powers.—*Reuter*.

CONDITIONS IMPROVE

Shanghai, Jan. 31. Indicating that conditions are improving in Chekiang, various provincial and private schools have decided to resume classes next week.

Meanwhile, the provincial party headquarters is conducting a registration of unemployed youths in the various districts of Chekiang. These youths will be given special training for service in the various war zones.—*Reuter*.

Fire-Cracker Banned In S'hai Limits

Authorities Refuse To Lift Curfew

Shanghai, Jan. 31. The din of fire-crackers, traditional herald of the Chinese New Year, was absent in Shanghai to-day, owing to the bans by the Settlement and French authorities on the discharge of fireworks.

The curfew was not, as on December 31, lifted last night. Nevertheless, the holiday spirit, although much subdued, compared with previous years, was abroad. Every place of amusement did excellent business.

Underlying the festivities, however, was an undercurrent of excitement, for it has been persistently rumoured during the past week that the Chinese Air Force would commemorate the New Year with a spectacular raid on Shanghai.

Police in both the International Settlement and French Concession took extra precautions, as usually there is an outbreak of crime during these holidays. It was also feared that terrorists would choose the occasion to be even more active than they have been in the past.

Many Chinese carried their festivities because they felt it would be out of place to greet the New Year with abandon while the grimness of war and the pitiful plight of the thousands of homeless and underfed refugees were reminders of the nation's unhappiness.—*Reuter*.

"WORK AND LEARN TO FIGHT"

GOEBBELS' ADVICE TO GERMAN YOUTH

Berlin, Jan. 31. On the occasion of the celebration of the fifth anniversary of the assumption of power of the National Socialists (Nazi) Party, Dr. Goebbels, Minister of Propaganda, reviewed the events of the past five years in a radio talk to boys and girls of the Hitler Youth Movement.

The Minister of Propaganda said that the dream of all Germans was to see their country strong and to restore Germany's honour and lead her into the circle of nations. He appealed to students to "work and learn to fight and be strong."—*Reuter*.

Little Boy Fell 30 Feet—And Lives

Miraculously escaping death, Bruce Lamont, 3½-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Lamont, fell 30 feet from the balcony of the Jockey Club yesterday.

The child was playing on the balcony while his parents, with some friends, were having afternoon tea at the Club.

Unnoticed, the boy climbed the railings around the balcony and before he could be dragged to safety toppled through.

The frantic parents rushed below, expecting the worst. The child was still alive, however. He has been taken to the Queen Mary Hospital, and is in a serious condition.

EUGENE CHEN SAYS WORLD WAR STARTED

Smashing Of Old Empires Aim Of Ambitious Powers

Urges Quick Intervention In Far East

Paris, Jan. 31.

The University Club of Paris to-day heard Mr. Eugene Chen, former Foreign Minister of China, read an open letter to President F. D. Roosevelt. He argued that the Japanese war with China was part of "a world war" which had already begun in different parts of the globe. The safest way to prevent the spread of this world war was to help China while the anti-war powers were still stronger than the war powers.

After outlining the imperialist ambitions of the authoritarian states, Mr. Chen said it was obvious that these new empires could only be founded on the break-up of the British and French Empires, dismemberment of the allies of France in Central and Eastern Europe, domination of the Arab world, partition of the colonies of Belgium, Holland and Portugal, the conquest of China and the expulsion of the United States as a naval power from the Pacific.

Mr. Chen attacked the fumbling indecision and diplomatic humiliation of the "peace powers which envisage the operations of the war powers as a fortuitous series of diplomatic incidents and local wars, not connected and not related."

The speaker implored President Roosevelt to ponder the fact that Japanese guns and planes had already killed 300,000 Chinese, while 30,000-40,000 Chinese were now without shelter and thousands of Chinese mothers were giving birth to babies in the streets.

Germany, Italy Not Ready

Mr. Chen declared that Germany and Italy would not be ready to start a world war before 1940. Thus nothing could be feared from Europe if Britain and France intervened at this time in the Far East. Such intervention would be even more effective than if Britain and France, Russia and the United States were quadruply combined.

He categorically demanded a cessation of the Japanese butchery and her attendance at the Congress of Nations in Washington to settle the affairs of the Far East.—*Reuter*.

BIRCH FOR SNATCHER

Sentence of one month's hard labour and six strokes of the cane was imposed on Li Siu-tung, 19, unemployed, at the Central Magistracy this morning, when he appeared on remand, charged with snatching a handbag containing \$1.00 from Kam Yuk-king, 23, woman, at Jaffe Road.

The Council might be considering. All has been done to keep the United States informed as a matter of courtesy.—*United Press*.

FAMOUS DOCTOR PASSES

Sir J. Crichton-Browne Followed Father's Path

London, Feb. 1.

The death is announced of Sir James Crichton-Browne, the eminent Scottish specialist on mental diseases and public health.—*Reuter*.

Sir James was born in 1840 and educated at Dumfries Academy and Edinburgh University where he took his M.D. degree in 1862, afterwards studying in Paris. His father was Commissioner in Lunacy in Scotland. He himself specialised in the same direction and in 1875 was made Lord Chancellor's Visitor in Lunacy, a very responsible post, which he held for 27 years. Meanwhile, he became a vigorous critic of the conditions of life which the majority of the population had to put up with.

As a writer and a speaker he demanded better homes for the people. As a pioneer in the movement to get people to understand the conditions that make for health he did most valuable work and being an effective speaker with a gift of humour, he was always welcome at public gatherings and dinners and so enlisted support for his movement.

In 1886 he was knighted and since 1889 had been vice-president and treasurer of the Royal Institution. He was a member of many British medical societies, a fellow of the Academy of Medicine of New York and received honorary degrees from St. Andrews, Aberdeen and Leeds.

Among his writings are "Victorian Jottings," and "Stray Leaves from a Physician's Portfolio." In November 1929, when he was 89 he said he had no recipe for old age, but he believed in work in moderation, though in the busiest part of his life he used to force two years' work into one. He ascribed disease to ignorance and declared that, as knowledge increased, infectious diseases would be practically exterminated. Men would then live to 100 and women a few years longer. At 90, 91 and 92 he published more volumes of reminiscences.

On his 90th birthday he said: "I don't feel 90. I presided over two public meetings last week and I still take regular exercise and eat what I like. I am up every morning by 8.30 for breakfast and rarely go to bed before 11."

Sir James was one of the few men still living in 1938 who had dined with Charles Dickens and had met the great scientist Faraday. To the last he retained his long Dundreary whiskers.

Dutch Air Line To Australia

NEW SERVICE SOON

Melbourne, Jan. 31. An extension of the existing Holland-Batavia air line service to Australia will now be permitted.

Dutch aviation interests have fruitlessly endeavoured to obtain permission to extend their service to Australia. The Commonwealth Senate has agreed to a resolution removing the ban on foreign lines entering Australia, and permission has been given to the Dutch authorities to extend their service from the Dutch East Indies along the Imperial Airways route.

Inauguration of the Dutch service must not be later than July 1, otherwise the franchise will expire.—*Reuter*.

21 BODIES FOUND

Twenty-one bodies of dead Chinese were picked up around the Colony yesterday.

Eight bodies were recovered in the Central district. Seven of these were of small-pox victims.

FAMOUS FRENCH EDUCATIONALIST PASSES AWAY

Paris, Feb. 1. M. Ferdinand Brunot, the famous French educationalist, died to-day.—*Reuter*.

M. Brunot was the doyen of the Faculty of Letters at the University of Paris, where he had also been professor of History and French language. A brilliant scholar, he was a member of the French Institute, an honorary doctor of Cambridge, Prague and Amsterdam Universities, and a member of the Academy of Amsterdam, Brussels and Copenhagen.

LORRY DRIVER APPEARS AT CENTRAL MAGISTRACY

Arising out of a fatal accident in Shaokwan, Yau Sun, a lorry driver, appeared at the Central Magistracy this morning on a charge of driving without due care and caution. He was remanded until to-morrow, bail of \$500 being allowed.

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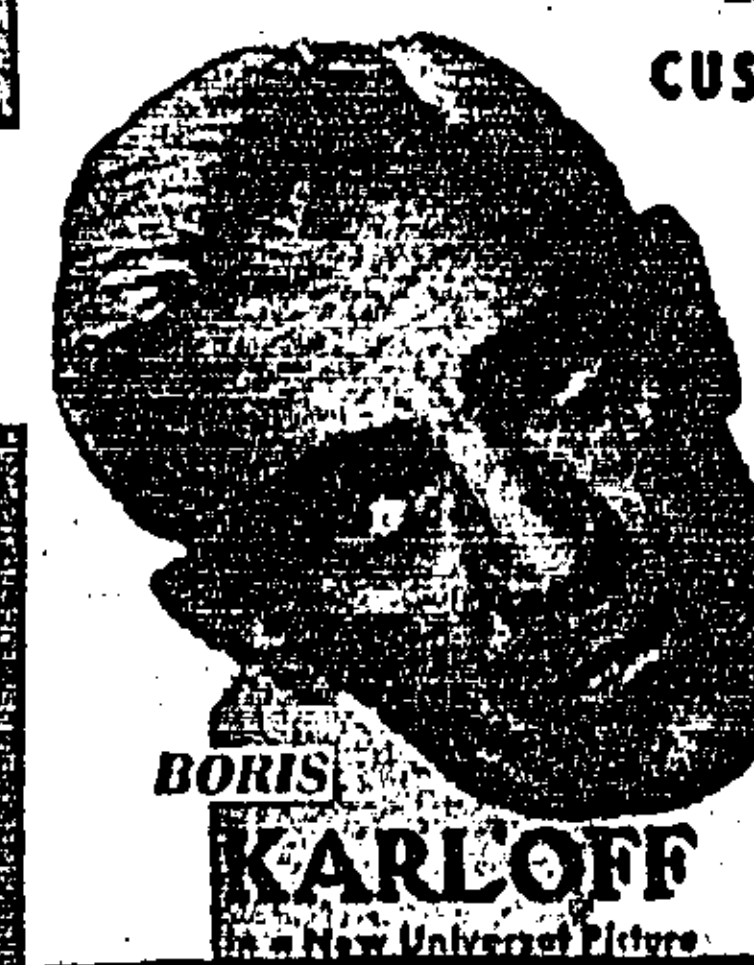
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hangar at Loyang Airfield, setting out to several planes which were grounded there.—United Press.

MONGOLIA THREATENED

Hankow, Feb. 1. It is learned that the Japanese Kwantung army is secretly transferring four divisions with the intention of attacking Mongolia, in Inner Mongolia. One division is reported already to have started.—United Press.

The New China, a Communist organ, states in a dispatch from Hsuehchow that the Japanese Garrison headquarters will begin the re-organisation of the North China expeditionary force in March, due to the extension of the war area and insufficient troops.

The whole force will be re-organised into three armies. The first army will be in the Shansi-Shensi-Suiyuan war zone; the second, under General Kawak, will move along the Peiping-Hankow railway to attack Honan; and the third under General Iwakura will move by way to Tientsin to attack Hsuehchow.

Each army will consist of two divisions with special regiments and independent air fleets. The first plan is to break China's national defence along Luanhai; secondly to attack Wuhu and then concentrate Japanese troops at Hankow.

General Matsui is head of the Central and General Teruchi is head of the North China forces.—United Press.

PLANES DAMAGED

Hankow, Jan. 31. It is learned by telephone that two of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's private planes have been damaged by Japanese bombings during the past few days.

A Boeing was damaged during an air raid over Mingkwang and the second plane, a Sikorsky, was accidentally shot by Chinese anti-aircraft gunners during the last raid on Hankow.

The pilot of the Sikorsky made a forced landing at Wusung Airfield and abandoned the plane, which was subsequently bombed by the Japanese.—United Press.

OFFICERS PUNISHED

Hankow, Feb. 1. A second list of officers receiving punishment for disobedience to orders has been published. It includes 13 offenders, ranging from a Lieutenant to a Division Commander. There are six death penalties in the list.—United Press.

ILLICIT STILL
DISCOVERED;
TWO GAOLED

A raid by a party of revenue officers on a house in Graham Street on Saturday resulted in the arrest of two men, To Chau, 36, and Leung Kai, 52, both unemployed.

They were charged with distilling spirit when they appeared in Central Magistrate's court today. Revenue Officer J. L. Stephens said first accused was caught at work at the still, while second accused was on the floor, and admitted that he had been helping the other man.

Both men were fined \$100 with the alternative of three months' hard labour each.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.



The Acting Consul-General for the Netherlands announces that a Register is available at the Chancery of the Consulate General, Shell House, sixth floor, for those who wish to offer their congratulations on the occasion of the Birth of a Daughter to Their Royal Highnesses Princess Juliana and Prince Bernhard of the Netherlands.

HONGKONG TRAMWAYS,
LIMITED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE ORDINARY YEARLY GENERAL MEETING OF HONGKONG TRAMWAYS, LIMITED will be held at the offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., Hongkong, on FRIDAY, the 18th day of February, 1938, at 12 o'clock noon, to transact the ordinary business of the Company.

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY ALSO GIVEN THAT THE REGISTER OF MEMBERS OF THE COMPANY will be CLOSED ON SATURDAY, the 5th to FRIDAY, the 18th February, 1938, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
W. F. SIMMONS,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 27th January, 1938.

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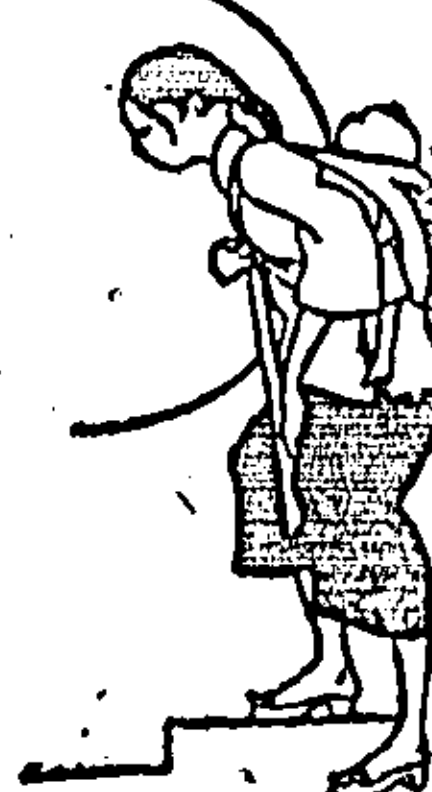
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE FORTIETH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING OF THIS COMPANY will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on Thursday, the 10th February, 1938, at 11 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1937.

The Register of Shares of the Company will be CLOSED from Thursday, the 3rd February, 1938, to Thursday, the 10th February, 1938, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

F. H. CRAPPELL,
Secretary.

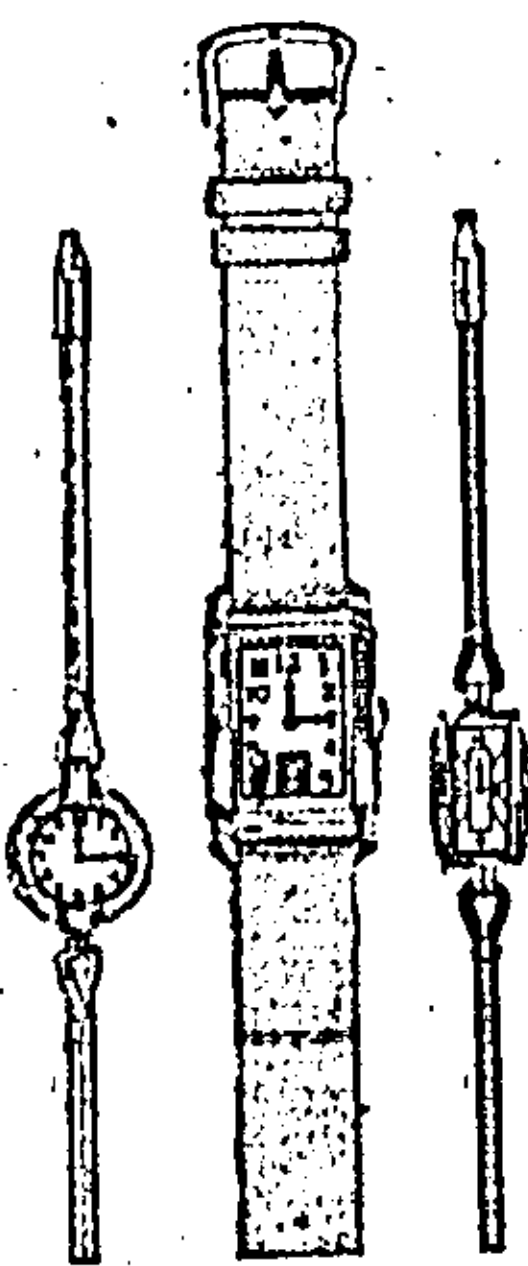
Hongkong, 26th January, 1938.

A SPECIMEN CASE
Case No. 2393

A boy of fourteen months whose father died and whose mother left him to work as an amah. His grandmother looks after him and brings him most faithfully to the centre for milk. As the result of her devotion and the Society's help he is now well and thriving with seven teeth.

HONGKONG SOCIETY FOR THE
PROTECTION OF CHILDREN

The merry misadventures of Fred Astaire in his first solo starring comedy "The Merry Men" brings him into an English castle in search of a sweetheart. Here he is seen singing madrigals. The picture is now being shown at the Alhambra Theatre.

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MATSUI WARNS
BRITAIN

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difficulties and an unsatisfactory situation in the Shanghai area."

Anglo-Japanese Relations

Asked for his views regarding Anglo-Japanese relations, General Matsui said: "The situation might be said to be improving gradually compared with what has been going on in the past. But simply speaking, in an abstract manner there is no doubt regarding the nature of Britain's Far Eastern policy."

"Britain's support of the Kuomintang is emphasised by the steady exchange rate of China's currency since the outbreak of hostilities. One example in detail is the large amount of arms and ammunition which has been supplied by Britain to the Kuomintang regime. Although it may be said that war has never been declared, wonder, simply speaking, whether Britain sticks to a policy of strict neutrality."

Is Britain Less Neutral?

Asked if he considered Britain less neutral in supplying arms and munitions to China than Germany and Italy, General Matsui declared: "On that point I am not very well versed. But judging by what the Chinese are saying regarding the British support there is no doubt that the Kuomintang regime holds Britain to be its most reliable supporter."

Asked to state what decisions had been arrived at regarding the Chinese Customs, the General said: "Originally I had in my mind to take over the Shanghai Customs right away. But as the Panay and Lady-ship incidents occurred I thought it better to treat the question on more moderate lines and have the matter talked over with the Customs authorities on a more conciliatory basis."

"Negotiations have been going on, but it seems to me they are taking too much time if so I may have to revert to my original attitude. I feel that every day that goes by is a day lost in restoring law and order in the Chinese population in them. And for that matter some sort of Chinese regime must be set up with financial resources which, in turn, must be drawn from the Customs. So my conclusion is that the Customs has a direct connection with the recovery of the people and of the areas around here."

New Chinese Regime

"When I talk about taking over the Chinese Customs that does not mean the administration will come into Japanese hands, but only that the new Chinese regime, whatever it may be called, Peace Maintenance Committee or Autonomous Government—must draw its financial resources from the Customs."

Public Opinion.

"Do you intend that the Chinese Maritime Customs in that case should continue to maintain foreign loan services?" Mr. Woodhead asked.

"I intend that negotiations with the Customs should include the question of foreign loan services, but it must be understood that the sum allowed for such services will be much lower than before," General Matsui replied.

Questioned about the possibility of improving Anglo-Japanese relations, General Matsui said:

"The matter of improving public opinion in England and Japan can be best handled by Britons here in Shanghai. They must understand the situation in the Far East far better than outsiders."

"Members of Parliament in England might make the mistake of taking Shanghai for Hongkong, and this kind of lack of understanding must have been reflected in Great Britain's Far Eastern policy."

"I do not question the state of British concern over their investments in China and their policy of defending their interests involving such investments."

"I am afraid that if Great Britain goes beyond the policy of simply defending her interests in China and takes a determined stand to maintain her political and economic relations which have existed with the Kuomintang regime, a conflict of a very serious nature may arise between our country and our former ally."

"Japan holds that China is her lifeline. What Japan has done in the past may have offended Great Britain at times, but that does not mean that Great Britain can take action in China behind Japan's back."

"Considering the growth and development of our own country, it is inevitable that Japan should expand in China."

"A lack of appreciation of this situation on the part of Great Britain may, I am afraid, lead to an unnecessary conflict between the two countries.—Reuter."

Foresees Grave Conflict
Ahead

Asked why Britain had been singled out and if the policy of the United States in the Far East was not on very similar lines, General Matsui answered: "The China policies of Great Britain and America may be the same but they reflect differently upon our minds. I am afraid if things are allowed to continue as they are now the interests of Britain and Japan in China will come into conflict."

"The Japanese mind may be described as a little sensitive and touchy. But to it Anglo-Japanese and American-Japanese relations in China are essentially different."

Serious Conflict May Arise

"If the Englishman does not grasp the true situation in the Far East I am afraid serious conflicts may hereafter arise, even after the cessation

INSURGENT ARMIES
ADVANCING

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where the enemy suffered heavy losses.—Reuter Special.

It is understood that General Franco will be supreme head of the Army, and will be assisted by a Minister of National Defence who will be in charge of the separate army, navy and air force departments.

General Franco will also likely appoint Ministers for Foreign Affairs, Justice, Public Order, Interior, Finance, Commerce, Agriculture, National Education and Public Works.

Supreme legislative power will be invested in General Franco.—United Press.

TRUCE OFFER REJECTED

London, Jan. 31. The rebel broadcasting station at Salamanka, broadcasting to-night, defended the activity of insurgent bombers, and rejected the Loyalist offer of a truce in non-military towns. "Nationalist (Franco) aircraft have not bombed peaceful towns behind the Red lines except in isolated cases, and always in reply to the systematic bombing of Nationalist towns by Red planes," the commentator said.

The bombing of Durango, which was then the centre of operations, was the bombing of a redoubt of Basque defences, and the city constituted a typical military objective.

"Guernica was bombed because it possessed an artillery factory and ammunition dump. Not one single bomb has been dropped on Gijon, which is also a centre of Red activities. Our planes merely bombed the port and traffic six kilometres outside the city."—United Press.

BARCELONA ATTACKED

Barcelona, Jan. 31. Answering the Government's offer of a truce above open towns, the insurgents made two raids on Barcelona this morning, demolishing several blocks of tenement houses. The death toll, it is estimated, exceeds 1,000.

The Mayor of Salvador estimated that 300 were killed and 500 wounded. The Red Cross places the casualties at 400 dead and 900 wounded.

One bomb struck a children's refuge home near Broadrambles, killing 83 of 108 children occupying the building.—United Press.

TWICE STRUCK CITY

Reminiscent of previous raids, two groups of three planes each approached from opposite directions at 9 a.m., and of city, which shook with the concussion of bursting bombs, crashing walls and the screaming of the victims.

At 11.30 a.m., while Red Cross workers were still recovering the victims of the first raid, a second attack was made. Fifty bombs were dropped, destroying 33 buildings, most of which were tenements in which as many as five families were occupying single apartments.

As soon as the raiders disappeared in the direction of Palma de Majorca.

The second raid wrecked the six storey building occupied by the Vacuum Oil Company.

Late last night unidentified casualty lists gave the number of 900—dead, ambulance and Red Cross workers are still searching the ruins for other bodies.—United Press.

HUNDREDS KILLED

Barcelona, Jan. 31. Between two hundred and three hundred persons were killed, and many injured, in two prolonged air raids on Barcelona to-day.

Six insurgent planes participated in each raid, dropping a total of about 40 bombs.

The first attack was launched at 9 a.m. and the second at 11.30 a.m., while ambulance workers were busy attending to the victims of the earlier raid.—Reuter Special.

HER TO HOLLAND
THRONE IS BORN

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ships at sea and wherever Dutch people meet together, there was only one thought to-night—Princess Juliana's baby.

The greatest happiness prevails at the Palace and late to-night the condition of mother and daughter was said to be the best of every member of the Royal Family, including Queen Wilhelmina, the Princess herself, the members of the Prince Consort's family, and the armed guards at the palace.

The Royal Family is particularly happy that everything has been successful and the Queen was particularly touched when she saw the new-born Princess for few minutes in her daughter's arms.

It is learned the names of Her Royal Highness the Baby will not be published until the official registration of the birth by Prince Bernhard, her father, to-morrow.

The first message of congratulation came from the Governor of the Dutch East Indies, followed by one from the ex-Kaiser.—Reuter.

of hostilities.

Little I drew his attention to the most complicated and important relations between Great Britain and Japan as they existed in China and I assured him that as far as the Japanese military authorities, who are out here engaged in the present hostilities, are concerned they were quite determined to be cautious as possible in every way so as not to invite unnecessary friction between the fighting services."

In bidding Mr. Woodhead good-bye, General Matsui smilingly remarked he must not be represented as seeking trouble with Great Britain, for his desire was for co-operation with that people.—Reuter.

U.S. NAVAL EXPERT
ARGUES FOR
MIGHTIER FLEET

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but he asserted the Japanese had built a great many more cruisers than the United States and had increased their destroyer strength, and "are now supposed to be building some battleships."—Reuter Special.

Naval Treaty Powers In
Consultation

London, Feb. 1. It is learned that Great Britain, France and the United States are consulting diplomatically in view of reports that Japan may be laying down battleships beyond the London Treaty limits.

In the absence of concrete evidence in this respect the Escalator Clause of the Treaty is not likely to be invoked at present, but Japanese official denials are not sufficient to dispel the doubts of the treaty powers.

Japan is not a signatory to the present London Treaty. Therefore Britain has no legal right to demand information. But it would be welcome in London if, in order to avoid the possibility of a building race, Japan would see fit to provide more details.

Meanwhile, although neither Britain nor the United States wishes to build larger battleships a change of policy is bound to remain under consideration as long as Japan's attitude is not clarified.—Reuter.

Answers Questions

Washington, Jan. 31. Opening discussion on the Vinson Bill hearing, Admiral William Leahy, told the House of Representatives that Japan and Great Britain had completely upset the 5-5-3 ratio, and said that unless the United States increased its navy soon it would provide "insufficient security against attack from overseas."

He contended that even the increases proposed by President Roosevelt were insufficient to create a fleet capable of simultaneously protecting both the Atlantic and

Woman Pick-
Pocket Taken
By Victim

A woman pickpocket, who stole a wallet from the pocket of Mr. A. A. B. Morant, at the Chinese New Year Fair at Gloucester Road on Sunday, had the money in her possession for only a few minutes before she was arrested by the victim. The woman, Ku Kam-ping, 21, widow, appeared before Mr. R. A. D. Forrest at the Central Magistrate's court this morning.

Sub-inspector F. D. B. Tuckett said Mr. Morant was visiting the Fair, and was walking in the crowd when he felt someone push him from behind. He did not take much notice, but walked on for another 10 yards, then put his hand into his pocket, and discovered the wallet, containing \$218, missing.

Mr. Morant recalled that at the time he was pushed, a woman in a striped dress was immediately behind him. Retracing his steps, he caught sight of defendant, and on catching her, found his wallet concealed in the folds of an overcoat which defendant carried.

Admitting a previous conviction, the woman was sentenced to three months' hard labour.

Pacific Coastlines.

Mr. Carl Vinson, Democratic member of the House of Representatives for Georgia, who is sponsoring the Naval Bill, asked whether it would permit a policy of policing the world. "I am uncertain just exactly what is meant by 'policing the world,'" Admiral Leahy replied.

Asked whether the Bill would permit an aggressive war against a foreign power, he replied, "No!"

He added that a war carried overseas would necessitate tripling the present proposals.

Experts state that a prompt start on the U.S. \$800,000,000 Naval programme would ensure employment for an average of 23,300 men in naval shipyards for four years.—United Press.

POST OFFICE.

CHINESE NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS

To-day, (Monday), January 31, all Post Offices will be entirely closed. There will be no collection from the pillar-boxes and no delivery.

To-morrow, February 1, the General Post Office and Kowloon Central Post Office will be open from 9.00 a.m. to Noon. The Sheungwan Branch Post Office will open from 9.00 a.m. to 10.00 a.m. and also from 7.00 p.m. to 8.00 p.m. and the other Branch Post Offices will be entirely closed. There will be one collection from the pillar-boxes as on Sunday, and delivery of ordinary correspondence at Noon, and one delivery of registered correspondence at 11.00 a.m.

The Money Order Office will be entirely closed during the Holidays.

VIA SIBERIA ROUTE

Mail Service "Via Siberia" is temporarily suspended.

SHANGHAI AIR SERVICE
Air Mail Service to Shanghai is temporarily suspended.

OUTWARD MAIL TIMES
Registered and Parcel Mails are closed 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close at or before 9 a.m., registered and parcel mails are closed at 8 p.m. on the previous day.

The Money Order Office will be entirely closed during the Holidays.

INWARD MAILS

From Per Due

Straits Hector February 1.

Calcutta and Straits Santhia February 1.

Java and Manila Tjisandane February 1.

Japan Nippon February 2.

Saigon Pres. Doumer February 2.

Straits Tasman February 2.

OUTWARD MAILS

For Per Date and Time

Samshui and Wuchow Tal Hing Wed., Feb. 2, 8.15 a.m.

Almrai for San, Lanchow, and Eurasia Plane Wed., Feb. 2.

Chingta etc (Via Hankow) by the G. P. O. & K.P.O.

"Eurasia Airways Service" (to Reg. Feb. 2, 9.00 a.m.

further points by Surface transport Ord. Feb. 2, 9.30 a.m.

As Services permit)

Kongmoon and Pakhoi (via Kong-Fook On) Wed., Feb. 2, 10 a.m.

Swatow, Foochow and Tientsin Hupeh Wed., Feb. 2, 12.30 p.m.

Shanghai and Japan Pres. Doumer Wed., Feb. 2, 1.30 p.m.

THURSDAY

Samshui and Wuchow Kongsu Thurs., Feb. 3, 8.15 a.m.

Swatow Prominent Thurs., Feb. 3, 8.30 a.m.

Kongmoon and Pakhoi (via Kong-Fook On) Thurs., Feb. 3, 11 a.m.

Hollow Kongsu Thurs., Feb. 3, 3.30 p.m.

Air Mail for Wuchow, Kwella, C.N.A.C. Plane Thurs., Feb. 3.

Kweiyang and Chungking by the "C.N.A.C." Airways Direct Service

Reg. Feb. 3, 8 p.m.

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Reg. Feb. 3, 8 p.m.

Ord. Feb. 4, 1 a.m.

*Subscribed correspondence only.

Chungking Sees Grim Shadow Of War Birds

HOLIDAY MARRED BY RAID ALARMS

Chungking, Jan. 30.

The grim shadow of war stole over Chungking to-day when, in the midst of preparations for the New Year, China's great annual holiday, the air raid alarm sounded. The streets were lined with sellers of fragrant plum blossom and crowded with happy shoppers at the time. It was 15 minutes past noon. For the first time in its history Chungking heard the sirens screaming. The people did not need to be told what the warning meant.

The greatest excitement ensued. Rickshaws jostled through the crowds of hurrying people, who were heading for their homes, and motor cars raced along, their horns snarling. Then armed regular troops and militia appeared and sternly ordered all pedestrians to get to their homes and take shelter.

The fire brigade took up stations to combat the city's worst potential danger—fire after bombing attacks. Police, soldiers, doctors, firemen, wore special white arm bands provided to permit freedom of movement during air raids.

No second alarm was sounded but the "all clear" was not heard until 2.25 p.m.

It was later explained the warning was given owing to three unknown aircraft having been sighted travelling in the direction of Chungking at the neighbouring town of Wanhsien.—Reuter.

Szechuen Now One With China Nation

Liu Hsiang Left Last Request

Chungking, Jan. 31.

The attitude of the Central Government towards rehabilitation situation in Szechuen in consequence of the recent death of the Chairman of the Szechuen Provincial Government, General Liu Hsiang, was explained by Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek in a telegram to the military commanders of the Province to-day.

The telegram was sent through General Ku Shu-tung, Director of the Chungking Provisional Headquarters and President of the Military Affairs Commission.

The Generalissimo stated that, thanks to the co-operation and loyalty of the late General Liu Hsiang, the task of national unification had been duly achieved in Szechuen. He added that in his will, Liu Hsiang, without saying a word about his private affairs, had urged his military colleagues in the Province to continue to participate actively in the campaign of resistance under the direction of the Central authorities.

Generalissimo Chiang's message states that it was the traditional policy of the Central Government to pay special attention to the welfare of the people.

"Former colleagues of the late General Liu Hsiang are my colleagues," declared the Generalissimo. "Troops formerly under his command are now under the command of the Central Government."

The telegram added that the services of men of talent in Szechuen would be amply utilised.

"Local public functionaries who obey the orders of the Central Government and observe the last will of General Liu Hsiang need have no anxiety about losing their posts," the telegram ended.—Reuter.

ST. ANTHONY'S SERVICES

FEAST OF ST. JOHN BOSCO OBSERVED

The feast of St. John Bosco was celebrated with due ceremony at St. Anthony's Church, West Point, yesterday, and many attended the morning services, which included Solemn High Mass with a sermon in Chinese.

Bishop H. Valtorta was present and officiated at a Holy Mass with General Communion. In the evening there was recitation of the Holy Rosary and Benediction, the Rev. Fr. J. Guarnon delivering a homily in Portuguese.

St. John Bosco is the revered founder of the great Salesian Order and was elevated to the Order of the Saints by his Holiness the Pope at St. Peter's, Rome, on Easter Sunday, April 1, 1934. This came about after a concave of Cardinals, presided over by the Pope, had looked carefully through the historical records of the Saint and had satisfied themselves in every way that canonisation could be fittingly bestowed.

The work of the Order is represented in Hongkong by the St. Louis Industrial School, the object of which is to receive young Chinese boys, orphans or destitute of the middle and poorer classes, instruct them in various branches of knowledge and handicraft and train them for life in the commercial world.

BOYCOTT OF JAPAN GROWING

123,000,000 Said Participating

London, Jan. 31.

Organised clubs and societies with a total of 123,000,000 members and with ramifications in eleven countries are now believed to be boycotting Japanese goods.

This estimate has been published by the International Peace Campaign Committee. The Committee is organising a Conference to be held on February 12 and 13. Madame Sun Yat-sen, who left Hongkong recently to proceed to London, will be one of the principal speakers.—Reuter.

OUTPOST SURPRISED

SYRIAN REBELS' RAID ON PALESTINE POLICE

Jerusalem, Jan. 31.

The body of an Arab police corporal was found in a police outpost which was raided by an armed gang of Syrian rebels.

The seven men comprising the garrison at the police outpost were taken by surprise and were forced by the gang to march over the border, where they were robbed of their arms and uniforms before being allowed to return.

Aeroplane and armoured cars are assisting in a search over a wide area for the raiders.—Reuter.

"WORK AND LEARN TO FIGHT"

GOEBBELS' ADVICE TO GERMAN YOUTH

Berlin, Jan. 31.

On the occasion of the celebration of the fifth anniversary of the assumption to power of the National Socialists (Nazi) Party, Dr. Goebbels, Minister of Propaganda, reviewed events of the past five years in a radio talk to boys and girls of the Hitler Youth Movement.

The Minister of Propaganda said that the dream of all Germans was to see their country strong and to restore Germany's honour and lead her into the circle of nations.

He appealed to students to "work and learn to fight and be strong."—Reuter.

Later, after reviewing the Black Guards in the morning, Chancellor Hitler received the winners of national prizes for art and science, including Dr. Flehner, the famous explorer who was recently forced down in Tibet, and handed each the Order of the Diamond Star, with the head of the Pallas Athena in gold in the centre and a sash.—Reuter.

KING ZOG TO WED

Tirana, Jan. 31.

King Zog has demanded Parliament's consent to his engagement to Countess Geraldine Apponyi, aged 22, which was granted enthusiastically and immediately.—Reuter.

Countess Apponyi is an Hungarian, whose mother is American.

AMBASSADOR FLIES EAST

Daghdad, Feb. 1.

Sir Archibald John Kerr Clark Kerr, new British Ambassador to China, left here for India last night by K.L.M. airliner.

He will sail from Bombay for China on Thursday.—Reuter.

AIR MISSION IN ENGLAND

London, Jan. 30.

The French air mission which is on its way to the Far East, arrived at Croydon to-day coming by air from Paris, and will proceed to Tokyo.—Reuter.

CHINA STILL HOLDS LEAGUE BEST HOPE OF PERMANENT PEACE

Hankow, Jan. 31.

Asked for an expression of opinion regarding the speech of Mr. Anthony Eden, Britain's chief representative at the League of Nations' Council at present in session, Dr. H. H. Kung, China's Prime Minister and Finance Minister, said:

"Mr. Eden's assurances that the British Government will hold fast to the principles on which the League is based have been of interest to the Chinese Government and people.

"Notwithstanding the slowness with which the signatory powers have responded to our appeal for assistance in righting the wrong, China has not abandoned hope that the League must triumph ultimately as the instrument of peace and justice.

CHINA AFFAIRS BUREAU PLAN

PRINCE KONOYE GIVEN SCHEME BLESSING

Tokyo, Jan. 31.

The establishment of a new China Affairs Bureau is like a very bright star in the sky, the Prime Minister, Prince Konoze indicated this during the debate in the House of Representatives to-day.

Asked whether the Government thought such a bureau necessary, deal with the ever-increasing problems of China, Prince Konoze answered affirmatively and indicated that with closer relations between Japan and China following the creation of a new Chinese Government, more attention would be given to economic affairs of the two countries.

The Prime Minister added that the present National Planning Institute was functioning as a bureau to handle such matters and said that additional time will be required to then inquire into the circumstances for the establishment of the new bureau.—Reuter.

To-day China is Victim

The unfortunate victim of Japanese militarism is China. To-day it will become other nations' victim if Japan is not checked in its own course.

When more, in this vigorously fighting battle for peace, the Japanese militarists are shown to be the aggressors, the world will be able to see the truth. Each side before the League of Nations shows the great danger of Europe have gradually been brought to the seriousness of the situation. Japan's militarism is a threat to the peace and human happiness. The growth of this perilous situation by the concerted efforts of all peace-loving countries, is certainly the world's task to-day. This, however, can be accomplished only by concrete action and not by mere words.

"The future and destiny of mankind depends so much to-day on far-sighted and bold statesmanship," he concluded.—Reuter.

WAGING WAR ON DISEASE

ROOSEVELT DELIVERS MESSAGE TO U.S.

New York, Jan. 30.

The celebration of President F. D. Roosevelt's fifty-sixth birthday to-day was marked by parties and dances last night in 15,000 towns and cities throughout the United States. The proceeds of every function will be devoted to the curing of infantile paralysis and cancer.

President Roosevelt himself is a victim of the former enemy of man. To his voice is added that of the pathetic and courageous young man, Eric, son of a millionaire, who lives in an "iron lung."

In a radio message to the nation last night, President Roosevelt declared that the great struggle against paralysis and cancer was proceeding with national unity and growing success.

Since 1934, he said, hundreds of facilities all over the country had been created to combat infantile paralysis.

The President's birthday mail amounted to 170,000 letters, the majority of which contained ten or twenty-five cents as a contribution to the fund with which he is helping the nation's war on disease.—Reuter.

FRENCH FATHER HONOURED FOR 30 YEARS' WORK

Paris, Jan. 30.

Father Robert Jacquinet, Vicar of St. Peter's, Shanghai, has been appointed a Chevalier of the Legion of Honour "for the 30 years of service in which he has specially distinguished himself during the fighting in Shanghai."

It will be recalled that Father Jacquinet was one of those who strove to create a neutral zone in Nantao during the fighting there, and it is thought that through his efforts, to a large extent, the lives of thousands of war victims were saved.—Reuter.

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BIRTH

CHUBB.—At Poochow yesterday, to Irene (nee Rogers), wife of Thomas Chubb, of the Standard-Vacuum Oil Company, a daughter, Veronica Edwina. Both doing well. (Shanghai papers please copy).

The Hongkong Telegraph.
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 1938.

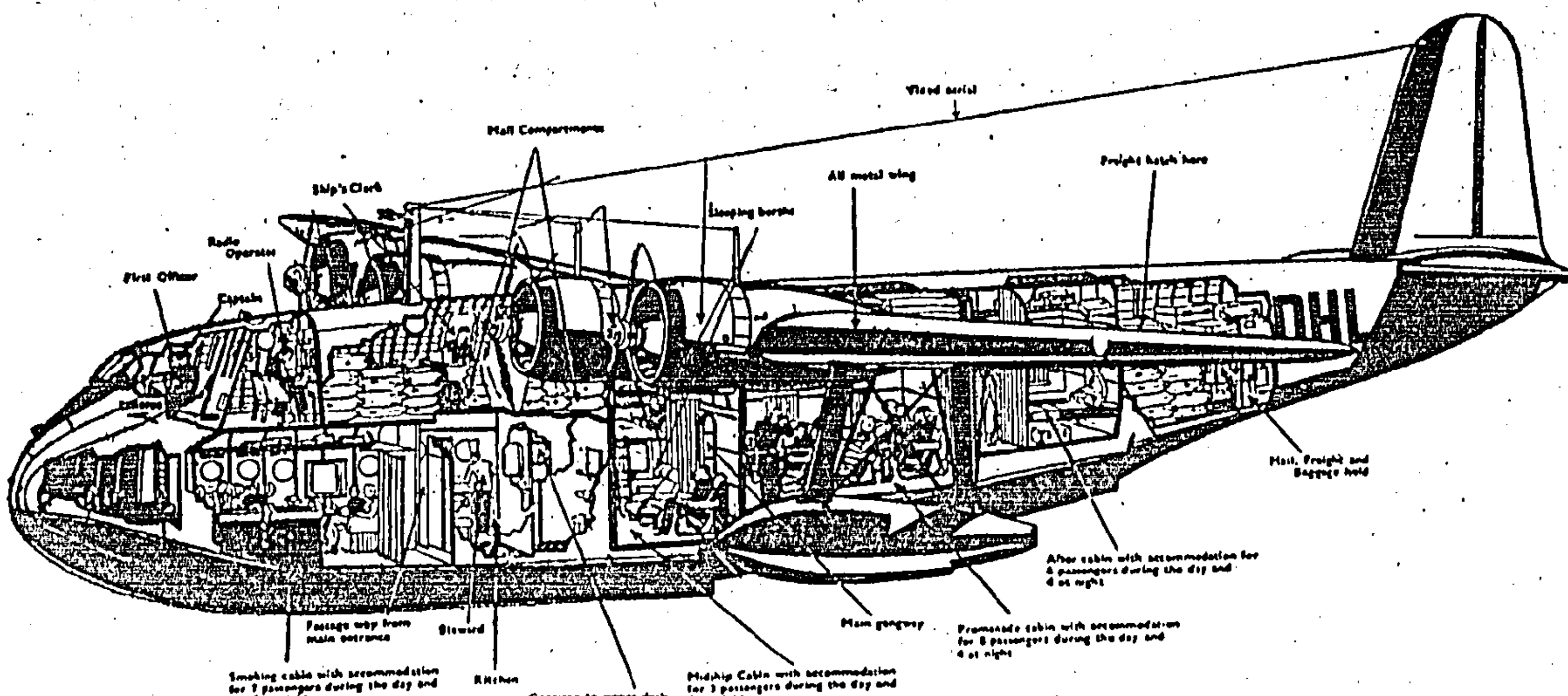
GOOD NEWS FOR CHINA

In spite of the dismal picture which China's present position offers to her people at the commencement of her New Year, there are at least a few signs that the future is not wholly hopeless. To be sure there are our neighbours, who are fighting the greatest and probably the most horrible war in their history; and the peace and security which are their objectives on the road they travel are still out of sight. Nevertheless they may take heart from the optimism of their leader, Marshal Chiang Kai-shek, and from various little indications and intimations in the news of the world beyond their borders which may yet play a prominent part of the destiny of this ancient people.

Optimism in such a man as Marshal Chiang, of course, is to be expected. His unflinching courage would seem to make it almost inevitable; though not entirely so. It would take a man of real spirit to admit that his country's plight was desperate at such a time as this. But such an admission from the Marshal would not mean that the end of resistance was even under consideration. It would probably mean the rallying of man-power and all resources for one titanic effort to smash the power of the invader. When, on the other hand, he returns smiling confidently from a tour of his extensive battle front, China should take heart.

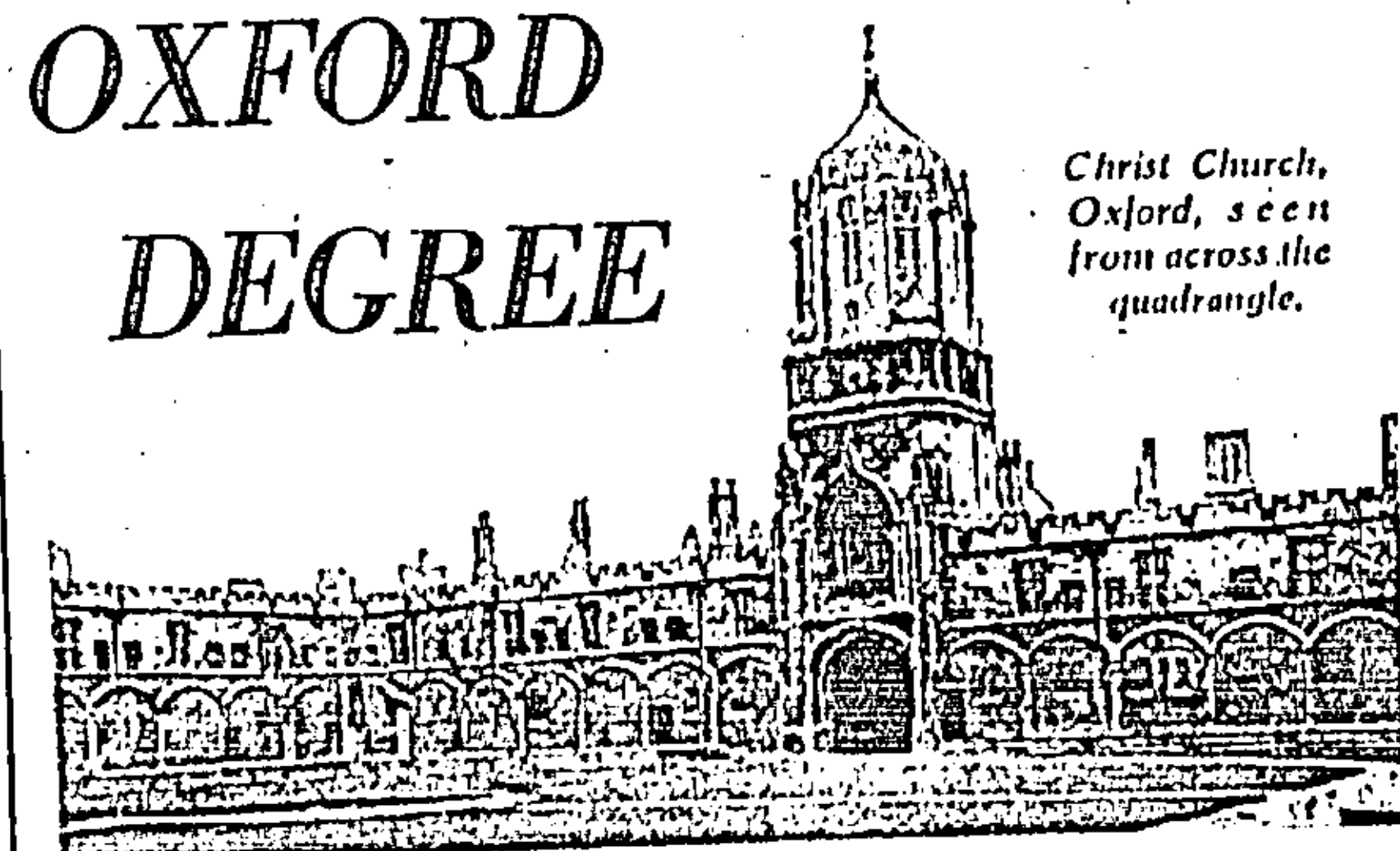
Words have been spoken at Geneva lately, and reported in the press of this Colony, which would tend to strengthen the impression that certain powers were contemplating some sort of intervention in the Far Eastern field. Just what form their action will take, whether direct or indirect assistance to China, it is hard to guess. Moreover, it is something difficult to discuss. But the trend of opinion, reflected in the words and actions of statesmen, is fairly obvious.

It must be appreciated, moreover, that any moves by friendly nations to help the struggling democracy of Asia of necessity must be carefully considered. Any suggestion of recklessness would be disastrous. But there is a general stiffening of the forces behind the democratic principle, and of the attitudes of powers which favour the idea of collective security, altogether heartening. There can no longer be any doubt that collaboration of a very definite nature exists between the United States and Great Britain. Such a co-operative force, properly directed, would mean much to the future peace of mind of the world.



Cross-section of an Empire Flying Boat, type which will go to Singapore.

Cash Value of an OXFORD DEGREE



BY KEITH BRIANT

former Editor of "Isis" and author of the outspoken commentary on University life "Oxford Limited."

MR. Charles Graves, discussing the other day in "I See Life" whether Oxford was "worth while" for the average young man, pointed out that well over 50 per cent. of the undergraduates there nowadays are in receipt of some form of financial assistance—and, presumably, as he said, could not otherwise go there.

As long as Oxford survives, I suppose, controversy is bound to continue as to whether years spent there are wasted. Scholarship men are now in novel position of being in the majority. And with the modern difficulty of university men securing employment, the problem as to whether Oxford is "worth while" is likely to become even more acute.

A Gamble

THIS is a new problem—the result of Oxford's progress from the preserve of the secured classes to a democratic University.

The majority of those who set out impartially to weigh the likely effect of Oxford upon their lives must face the fact that if they will have to earn their living when they come down, the expenditure of time and money at Oxford is a gamble which may or may not yield a return in £ s. d.

The employer who declares that "Oxford men are ten a penny" and that he can get a man with First Class Honours for £300 a year, is doing more than sneer at Oxford; he is stating a fact.

As the problem of securing employment for Oxford men grew steadily more acute, the University Appointments Board came into existence.

This is an organisation which is responsible for placing between 400 and 500 graduates a year. Its statistics are worth examining.

Compare the figures of Oxford men placed by the board in 1927 with those for 1936.

	1927	1936
Educational	52	203
Government	52	64
Business and Industrial	52	100
Journalistic, Secretarial, etc.	10	16
	166	383

The significance of this is the disproportionate increase in the various categories. It is also noteworthy that the report of the board in 1936 admits that "there seems to be a surplus of experienced men applying for vacancies."

For centuries Oxford seemed to provide the key to worldly success. The millennium has now been achieved. Oxford is within reach of the miner's son, and the grandson of the laird's gillie rubs shoulders with the grandson of the laird.

But the miner's son is perplexed. Something seems to have gone wrong somewhere—or else an unscrupulous combination of the upper classes is conspiring to prevent him from enjoying the fruits of his victory.

Where he Began

HIS Oxford degree does not seem to possess the "Open Sesame" power it appeared to have. For years he slaved away at school, working while others were enjoying themselves.

His parents saved in anticipation of the time when their son would be at Oxford and in need of some money to hold his own against rich men's sons.

Then came the day when the letter arrived saying that he had been awarded a scholarship, and that residence for the Michaelmas term began on October—

But after all that striving, it seemed that it was all a fraud. For here he was, back where he started, in the front room of No. 9, Victory-crescent, answering advertisements for jobs which he would have had as good a chance of securing if he had never been near Oxford.

So it must seem to many of the new scholarship men who have won their way into the University. The fruits of victory turn to ashes when the Oxford days are over.

Jack-of-No-Trade

A MAN may decide to go to Oxford for a variety of reasons, but he will be a fool if he makes his decision without realising that, lacking money or influence, his chances of getting a job when he leaves there may even be prejudiced by the fact that he has been to the University, is 22 or 23 years old, and a Jack-of-no-trade.

But if he faces this fact honestly, he may gain from

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WHITE-COATED steward holds open the lower-deck door in the nose for you to step through from a special lift. On the top deck above your head are sitting captain and first officer at twin, side-by-side controls. An engineer is ready with a boat-hook to cast off moorings, and radio operator and light clerk, equivalent of ship's purser, are both up above.

CARPETED passage takes you past kitchen, through small midship cabin into big observation cabin with eight seats.

Altogether there are twenty-four armchairs in the ship. At night they can be converted into sixteen comfortable bunks—for when night services begin later this year.

A QUIVER tells you the captain has pushed the self-starter of the first of your four engines. You can chat with four engines running full-out without raising your voice. Feel the acceleration as you take off. Sheets of foam lashing past the portholes. The ship's half out of the water. Feel it smack down once or twice, then leave the waves in a gentle climb.

Other passengers are dozing in their chairs, ringing for drinks, playing cards, yarning and gossiping over smokes in the popular forward cabin.

BESIDES twenty-three fellow-passengers, there are three tons of mail and luggage hidden about the boat. Speed of your ship is 165 m.p.h., top is 200 m.p.h. She weighs 18 tons, is 88ft. long, 38 yards between wingtips, 24ft. high, higher than a double-decker bus.

Victor Rickotts

Work this one out

George was telling William the result of a chess tournament, but, being George, he liked to put things in a roundabout way. Four people, he said, played; their names were I. M. Smith, U. R. Smith, Reynolds and Fellows. The Smiths were the famous brothers who both played for their country at football. Reynolds surprised everybody when he defeated Fellows. The man who finished third said to the winner at the end of the tournament: "Congratulations; I am very glad to have made your acquaintance." The runner-up was a man who limped badly as the result of a motor smash. He had always lived alone with his widowed mother. I. M. Smith was a smart dresser; that was partly why Fellows had chosen him as usher at his wedding.

William got the result all right. Can you? If not, you'll find it on Page Seven.

THE "VERY IDEA"

THEY'RE HAPPY: ORIENT WE ALL?

CHINESE NEW YEAR WAS 2 WEEKS BEFORE FULL MOON: KELLY-BEAT-THE-MOON BY FOURTEEN DAYS

By Eddie "365 DAZE" Kelly
THE Chinese year that just ended was the Year of the Bull.

We thought as much

It reminded us that we had this column to write.

Chinese New Year is remarkable chiefly because everyone settles his debts.

But everyone gets into debt again as soon as the New Year is born. This sort of thing must be born.

BITTEN ORBIT?

The Chinese calendar is based on a lunar month, and relies on the moon whirling around the earth.

If the moon didn't whirl around the earth, that would be the end of the whiffed.

The Chinese cycle comprises 60 years, which is about the number added to a motorist's age by a Chinese cyclist.

The New Year is the Year of the Tiger. Also H.B. and Allsopp's and Ewos.

When the earth revolves on its axis 382 times there will be a year of the Pig. Don't axis how this happens.

PROPERLY CANNED

Europeans do not recognise the Chinese calendar. For them, Chinese New Years are usually Years of the Sardine or Salmon, fish which, as everyone knows, hide cunningly in tins, and come forth only when the cook-boy and servants are on holidays.

Before 1912, Chinese eras began with each dynasty.

Dynasty is now a notifiable disease in Hongkong. We recently took considerable pains to verify this.

Since 1912, the Chinese have become civilised and use the Gregorian calendar, which was invented by T. Paul Gregory. Also western rifles, and bullets, and aeroplanes, and bombs, and heroin.

Sometimes the bombs and bullets go off. But this can't be helped. Occidents will happen.

Marshal Chiang Kai-Shek Still Optimistic

KWANGSI LEADER PRAISED FOR DEFENCE LINES

Stiff Resistance May Turn Japan's Thrust Against Hsuehchow

JAPANESE WILL SHOW GUERRILLAS NO MERCY

Shanghai, Jan. 31.

Marshal Chiang Kai-shek is highly optimistic regarding the military situation on the various fronts after his inspection tour, according to Chinese reports.

The Generalissimo stated he was particularly satisfied with the able direction of General Li Chung-jen, Kwangsi's widely experienced soldier-chief, in constructing strong defence lines in the Hsuehchow-Wengpu sector, along the Tientsin-Pukow railway and the Lunghai railway. These are particularly important lines and it is the aim of the high command to hold them at all costs.

After returning to Hankow from his tour, Marshal Chiang summoned important military leaders to a conference. Meanwhile, Chinese sources state that owing to the strong Chinese resistance encountered by the Japanese the attackers may abandon their plan of direct attack against Hsuehchow from the south.

On the eve of the Chinese New Year, the Japanese are attempting to close the 150-mile gap between their forces along the Tientsin-Pukow railway. But they are at a virtual standstill. Clashes are occurring but they are not in the nature of a major operation.

Annihilation Ordered

Chinese troops, survivors of earlier campaigns, now lying between Shanghai and Nanking will not be treated according to the law of war, according to a statement made by a Japanese army spokesman today, speaking at a press conference. The spokesman said these troops operated mostly in bands of 500 to 1,000 men. They lived on the countryside and attacked Japanese posts.

This spokesman declared that a band of 500 had been trapped to the south of Soochow on January 28. It was completely annihilated.

Total Strength Unknown

In answer to a question the spokesman said it was difficult to give any estimate of the total number of these Chinese troops involved in guerrilla warfare. It was possible they operated on orders from Hankow or Chungking but he was quite certain that neither army nor other supplies could be reaching them.

Turning his attention to the southern section of the Tientsin-Pukow railway, this spokesman reported that Japanese troops based at Mingkwang had dislodged the Chinese forces from the west of the railway over a depth of several kilometres. This had forced the Chinese left wing, which was unaided with the railway, to bend westward. The Chinese forces on this wing he estimated at between 2,000 and 3,000, and declared that almost 1,000 were left dead on the field after their engagement.

Another Clash

Meanwhile, another clash had occurred about 20 miles south-west of Mingkwang, in which about 900 men of the Chinese forces totalling 2,000 had been slain.

Worked out for you

If you couldn't work out the problem above (in Column 3), start by remembering that a runner-up was a cripple he couldn't have been one of the athlete Smiths. Runner-up was also unmarried, therefore Reynolds and not Fellows was 2nd. Fellows must have been 3rd or 4th. If Fellows were 4th, this would make the two Smiths first and third, but this is impossible since the man who finished 3rd had not previously met the winner. Therefore Fellows was 3rd. Therefore the Smith brothers were placed one and four. Now Fellows already knew I. M. Smith who was usher at his wedding. Therefore U. R. Smith was the man Fellows hadn't met before, the man who won the tournament.

MONGOL- CHINESE ALLIANCE PREDICTED

Fushih, Jan. 31.

An offensive and defensive alliance between China and Outer Mongolia was predicted by General Chang Kuo-tao, President of the Chinese Soviet Government, in an exclusive interview with United Press this morning. "Sooner or later," he declared, "we expect an offensive and defensive alliance between China and Outer Mongolia."

"During the past two decades Outer Mongolia has made significant progress, and is now strong enough for self-defence. Unfortunately, it is still sceptical of its ability to aid China."

"The population of Outer Mongolia is still around 1,000,000, so it is a question whether it can help China in its struggle against Japan on a large scale."

"Such an alliance, however, is a logical necessity, and materialisation cannot be too far distant."

Chang Kuo-tao, phoenix-eyed, big-checked and stout, started his revolutionary career twenty years ago as a worker in the coal mines at Pinghsing, his birthplace in Sinkiang.

He pointed out that the Chinese authorities in Sinkiang were doing their utmost to support Chinese resistance against Japan in the present war.

Turning to the future, Chang said that China's chances of winning the war were still in the balance. "China will not win unless she succeeds firstly in a genuine and thorough national unification; secondly, in getting sufficient help from abroad—material help, such as airplanes, guns and other modern weapons; and thirdly, by improving the strength and efficiency of the Chinese armies and government."

MANY WEAK POINTS

"However, Japan has many weak points, including 'prenatal' weakness in raw materials, capital and creative power; backwardness in scientific accomplishments, political organisation, military strength and even colonial policies; and, above all, a weakness in international isolation."

"After all, how much can the help of Mussolini and Italy aid the Japanese materially?"

"The Soviet system has been completely abolished here, and the Chinese Communist party does not expect to resume the Soviet system of government for a long time to come. We are co-operating with the Central Government, both in defence and in economic matters. For instance, the majority of the soldiers of the Eighth Route Army are fighting at the front. One or two divisions are in the central areas, others are employed on garrison duties at the frontier."

"The Central Government, for its part, is constructing highways into Sinkiang, and is pushing on with co-operative societies inside the frontier formerly held by Soviet China."

UNDER MARSHAL CHIANG

The Eighth Route Army is definitely under the command of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, because the abolition of the Soviet Military Council last August marked the complete severance of relations between the Eighth Route Army and the Frontier Government (Chinese Soviets).

"Regarding the Soviet tent of equal distribution of land, we are maintaining the status quo because it does not conflict with the Kuomintang's Three-Principles."

"We would welcome the appointment by Chiang Kai-shek of any able man to be head of the Frontier Government, and we are ready to shoulder any duties whenever invited to do so by the Central Government."

The interview was held in Chiang's office-cum-bedroom, which is his office. The only "White House" of "No. 10, Downing Street" of the Chinese Communist regime is a hillside cave. All public organisations here are housed in caves.

The country is far too remote and mountainous for Japanese planes to penetrate, and the war is far distant to the people who once formed the bulwark of socialism in China.—United Press.

TOBACCO PROFITS TO AID WAR

Tokyo, Jan. 31.

The Ministry of Finance has announced that the price of better grade cigarettes will be increased from February 1 in order to provide an estimated increase in national revenue of 10,000,000 yen per annum.

The price of cigarettes will be increased by seven to 25 per cent. for higher grades. Cheaper grades will not be affected.

Revenue from cigarettes will be used for the "China Emergency" Purchase of foreign cigarettes, which are already sold at exorbitant prices, will be rendered almost prohibitive by a simultaneous increase in price of approximately 25 per cent.—United Press.

Federal Sails For Japan

Chinese Left In Internment

San Francisco, Jan. 31.

The General Steamship Corporation's steamer Federal sailed for Japan today with a crew of Scandinavians and Americans.

The Hongkong crew of 35 Chinese have been interned until they can be shipped back to the British Colony aboard another ship.

The Federal cleared the Golden Gate for Osaka heavily laden with steel, despite warnings of Pacific gales.

The Chinese crew of the Federal staged a "sit-down" strike, justifying their action by saying that the ship was being taken to Japan to be used as scrap.

"We left Hongkong thinking we were to carry supplies from America to Shanghai. If we went to Japan carrying scrap we would be shot as traitors in China."—United Press.

Nine Perish In Mine Fire

Cut Off By Flames And Suffocated

London, Jan. 31.

Fire in a colliery at Kilsyth, Strathclyde, has resulted in the death of nine miners.

The men were cut off by the flames and were found suffocated by the fumes.—Reuter.

Clipper Turns Back To U.S.

Honolulu, Jan. 31.

Pan-American Airways has announced that the China Clipper, which has been held up by minor trouble, is returning to Alameda on Monday. Passengers who booked through to the Orient will be transferred here to the Hawaii Clipper, which arrives from Alameda on Tuesday.

The spokesman would not comment on suggestions that the China Clipper was returning to Alameda for a check-up in view of recent difficulties.—United Press.

STANDING BY AGREEMENT

Châlons-sur-Marne, Feb. 1.

Determination to remain faithful to the tripartite agreement between France, Britain and the United States was expressed by the Finance Minister, M. Marchandeau here today.

He said the Treasury deficit would be his first care. And he estimated the 1938 deficit at 20,000,000,000, nearly half of which would be due to the exceptional needs of national defence. That meant the state would have to borrow 15 per cent. of its national income.—Reuter.

UGLY INCIDENT AVERTED

London, Feb. 1.

The Exchange Telegraph correspondent at Shanghai says a soldier of the Japanese army narrowly averted a new incident involving a foreigner when a mob attacked Mr. V. F. Meising, an American employed by the North China Daily News, and a Danish citizen, Dr. N. E. Skelund, while they were photographing a scrap iron dump.

An Army man intervened and ordered the mob to disperse. His action probably saved the pair from a man-handling.—United Press.

British Crew Won't Sail After Killing

Marseilles, Jan. 30.

The British members of the crew of the tanker Socony, registered at Hongkong, which arrived at St. Louis-du-Rhône on Thursday with a cargo of oil, are refusing to sail unless foreign hands in the crew are replaced with Britons.

The dispute is a result of a fight between a Turk and a Rumanian on board in which the latter was killed.—Reuter.

STOLE ARMY STORES

Military property to the total value of \$500 was stolen from the Royal Artillery store at Devil's Peak, Lyceum, on January 20. The thief named Trol Lol 20, was arrested, and on admitting the theft before Mr. R.A.D. Forrest at the Central Magistrate's court today was sentenced to four weeks' hard labour. Lieut. F. Peck was in court as the complainant.

RADIO BROADCAST

"Sword in Hand" London Relay

The following is the Radio Programme for to-day broadcast by ZBW on Frequencies of 845 k.c.s., 9.52 m.c.s. per second.

6.0-7.0 p.m. Chinese programme.

7.0 Dance Music.

In The Mission by the Sea; Little Old Lady (Foxtrots); Roy Fox & His Orchestra. Don't You Know or Do you care? Lost Love (Foxtrots); "Fats" Walker and His Rhythm.

Pardon my Love; Cryin' Mood (Foxtrots); "Fats" Walker and His Rhythm. The Moon Got In My Eyes; It's the Natural Thing to do.

Roy Fox & His Orchestra. Gone with the Wind; The First Time I saw you... Roy Fox & His Orchestra.

7.20 Peter Dawson.

Phil the Fluter's Ball (French); With my shillelagh under my Arm (Wallace). I See a Tree (Hodges).

7.40 Leslie Jeffries & His Orch.

Spring Time Serenade (Heyskens); The Balkan Princess (Waltz).

(Rubens). The Frolicsome Hare (Hope); Dance of the Icicles (Russell).

Musical Comedy Guns (arr. Foulkes).

8.0 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

8.03 Szizett (Viola).

Nigun (Improvisation (Bloch).

Dance Russe (From Petroushka—Stravinsky); Norwegian Song (Lie); Gavotte from Classical Symphony (Prokofiev).

8.15 London Relay—"Sword in Hand".

Fencing and Duelling through the Centuries. By C. D. Dimsdale.

8.45 Latest Variety and Dance Records.

Comedy Foxtrots—I'm a Little Prairie Flower; Comedy Waltz—The Girl in the Harem; Cab... Jack Harris and his Orchestra; "Firefly" Selection... Louis Levy and His Gaumont British Symphony; Can I forget You (from film "High, Wide and Handsome")... Richard Tauber.

Foxtrots—If it's the last thing I do; The Donkey Serenade... Ben Frankel and His Orchestra; I Will Pray (Nicholls); Whispers in the Dark (from the film Artists and Models)... Frances Day (Soprano); Rumba—When Bomba plays a Rumba; Tango—Lonely Troubadour... Henry Jacques & His Orch.

Castanet—Waltz... Barnabas von Geertz and His Orch.

Foxtrots—Roll 'Em; Afraid to Dream... Benny Goodman and His Orch.

9.30 London Relay—The News.

9.50 Gilbert and Sullivan Excerpts.

"The Pirates of Penzance"; (a) Stay we must not lose our senses... Derek Oldham & Chorus; (b) Hold, Monsters... Elsie Griffin, George Baker, S. Robertson and Chorus; (c) I am the Very Model of a Modern Major General... George Baker and Chorus; (d) Oh, Men of Dark and Dismal Fate... George Baker & Chorus; You may go, for you're at Liberty... Full Company.

10.07 Alfred Corlet—"Prelude, Choral & Fugue"—(Cesar Franck).

10.25 Miliza Korjus & Philharmonic Sym. Orch. of New York.

Overture—"Semiramide" (Rossini)...

Orchestra; Nocturne (Chopin arr. Winkler)...

Winkler. "Ah, Let me Weep"; Nocturne (Chopin arr. Winkler)...

"O Night, O Dreams"... Miliza Korjus; L'Apprenti Sorcier (Dukas)...

Orchestra cond. by Toscanini.

11 p.m. Close down.

Terrible Toll In Bombings

350 Dead, 700 Injured In Barcelona

Barcelona, Jan. 31.

In the air attacks made upon this war-scarred city yesterday the death toll has mounted to 350.

In addition 700 persons have been injured, some seriously. These are the official casualties.—Reuter.

BRITISH SHIP TORPEDOED BY INSURGENTS

London, Feb. 1.

The British steamer Endymion has been torpedoed by an insurgent submarine with considerable loss of British lives.—Reuter.

MARINES LEAVING

Washington, Jan. 31.

The Navy Department announces that approximately 1,500 marines who proceeded to Shanghai from San Diego last August have been transferred to Honolulu.

They are sailing from Shanghai on February 18, their services being "no longer needed" in Shanghai. Nevertheless, a regiment of 1,000 men is remaining there.—Reuter.

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CHINA WINS INTERNATIONAL SOCCER ENCOUNTER

HOLIDAY CRICKET

Good Sport But Bad Batting

H.K.C.C. AND SERVICES IN ANNUAL MATCH

It was not a very pleasant day for cricket when the annual Chinese New Year game against the Services was begun just after two on Saturday afternoon, though the weather improved considerably later. In the Club side there was only one change, Baker coming in for Haynes who could not get away.

In fact I am seriously beginning to wonder if such a person exists. He is put down to play regularly and yet I have never seen him. I presume that he has the job H. E. Murrell had in '16 and '17 for even then there used to be so much work in it that late arrivals and temporary absences used to be the order of the day. The Services were not so fortunate. Their side had been picked when it looked as if the Seafarths might not be available and to my mind lacked solidarity in the batting as, though there were at least six men who could make fifty, they were just as likely to take a blob. Then came changes. Skelton could not get off to play on Monday while Cicula was late coming in (and anyway Blacker was on the injured list)—and the two places were filled by Major Rawstorne and C. P. O. Huttley.

A POOR START

Man and Huttley opened to Baker and Owen-Hughes but with nine runs on the board Huttley got in front of a straight one from Baker. Ogle was in first wicket and I admit I thought he was rather too adventurous a batsman for that position but he showed admirable restraint and the two batsmen started to wear down the bowling. Both played well but Menon was lucky once or twice with four through the slips which though they were all along the ground were, I think, intended for a different locality. It was not until the score had reached sixty that McLellan bowled Man with a good one, 60-2-35. Possibly Baker was not kept on too long but, with the amount of spin bowling at his disposal, it seemed that Owen-Hughes had at least three overs too many in his first spell.

A BAD PATCH

With John Pearce on things ceased to be so good for the Services. After a few uncomfortable minutes Weedon was bowled by the leg-breaker (71-3-0) and though Richardson helped to add 18 runs he was well caught by Baker at mid-on off what he thought was a bump-ball. There was however no doubt about the correctness of the decision. Further disaster was to come as Beadnell after scoring a single was bowled by a well pitched one from McLellan, which kept low and went through quickly, 90-5-1.

BETTER THINGS

Meantime Ogle was batting excellently and punished everything loose. Chivers stopped a quarter of an hour though he only scored a single, but then lost patience and lashed out at Owen Hughes, on again for Pearce, and lifted a big catch straight into Richardson's hands at

extra cover, 102-6-1. Godby succeeded and soon ten was taken. The catching of the Club had been poor—in the slips especially and just after tea Godby was badly dropped off Baker at second slip. This cost the Club a stand of about forty more runs, both batsmen playing good cricket. At 147 the stand finished in a curious way as Ogle tried to pull his ball away from a rising ball on the off from Baker only to find it break in so much that it bounced gently on the end of the bat and thence to Hayward at third slip, 147-7-77 a very fine innings with caution when it was necessary and forcing cricket later.

Coombes was bowled first ball by a good 'un and then Godby and Paxton put on a few till the former was bowled by a slow Yorker from Alec Pearce who had gone on at last. Next ball Hatfield was 1b.w. and the innings closed for 163—a higher score than had appeared probable at one time.

CLUB START BADLY

The Club began even worse than the Services as Richardson saw none of Godby's first over and dragged the last ball into his wicket. Pearce and Marshall however soon put a better complexion of things scoring first though Paxton bowled very well and at 30 got Marshall to slash at one going away. He hit it tremendously hard and Beadnell brought off a brilliant catch close in the gully. Owen Hughes and Pearce however found no difficulty with anyone but Paxton, who was bowled at 69 (Pearce not out 23, Owen Hughes not out 21) when stumps were drawn.

PLAY ON MONDAY

A dull morning early developed into a sunny pleasant day by 11 o'clock with quite a fresh breeze blowing from third-man at the Yard end. Things opened quietly just after eleven (it is pleasant to notice the great improvement in punctuality in these games) with Paxton and Godby bowling. A square cut to the boundary off the faster bowler by Pearce was the first noticeable shot and the same batsman would have had another to square leg off Paxton had not the ball hit the skirts of the umpire's coat. The only excitement was a fine attempt to catch Owen Hughes by Paxton off his own bowling. He only failed by inches to get to it. As time went on I realized that neither batsman was completely at home and that both bowlers were improving. Paxton was the best of the two but Godby got the wicket as at 80 Pearce sent a short one very hard to third slip where Beadnell made another excellent catch. 88-2-

Ireland's Rugger Team Chosen

London, Jan. 30. The following have been selected to represent Ireland in the International rugby match against England on February 12:

A. N. O'Her, Daly (Harlequins), Bailey, McMahon, Lyttle (Collegians); Cromey, Morgan; Alexander, Graves, Irwin (North Ireland), Mayne, McGaw, A. Loughlin (University College), Ryan and Walker.—*Reuter*.

ENGLISH TEAM

London, Jan. 31. The following have been selected to represent England: Parker (Blackheath); Unwin, Nicholson, Cranmer, Sever, Reynolds, Giles (Coventry); Longland, Toft, Prescott (Harlequins), Huskisson, Marshall (Oxford University), Bolton, Milman and Weston.—*Reuter*.

34. Next ball Allen played back to a fast half volley and lost his off stump.

Trouble continued. McLellan snicked a single in the slips and then after being all at sea with four balls from Paxton was bowled by the fifth, (89-5-1). A sorry collapse. The next few overs were very shaky, as Owen Hughes seemed tied up and Ride looked thoroughly uncomfortable. Paxton had them so tied up that though on the slow side of medium he had no man out. Ride took advantage of this to drive him over his head for four.

At 104 Hatfield relieved Godby who had bowled very much better than I have seen him do before. The scoring continued slowly—two maidens—then another. Then Paxton bowled a really bad long hop. Ride played an equally bad hook-shot and deep square leg dropped a less bad catch. He had to run in a good bit. The bowling was undoubtedly good but there were bad balls sent down and there was no real excuse for the complete paralysis of both batsmen. Ride was lucky to survive the next over—a maiden—from Hatfield. Owen Hughes hit a fine four to long leg off a bad one from Paxton, who had bowled nearly an hour unchanged, but the next—a real beauty took his middle stump (110-6-32). He had batted severely-nine minutes for his runs—of which six were on Monday morning for eleven runs!

Hayward was nearly bowled first ball but it went for four byes—Man seemed quite at ease in taking Paxton and nearly put up a catch to backward leg off the third. However he survived, and played Paxton's next over, a maiden, much more confidently. Ride survived a very confident appeal for a catch at the wicket and celebrated it by hitting Hatfield in the square leg boundary next ball. Hayward played another maiden from Paxton quite comfortably. Hatfield again had atrocious luck in his next over as he practically bowled Hayward, the ball just touching the bat's edge and skidding past the leg stump to the boundary.

A WELL EARNED WICKET

After bowling for over an hour Paxton was rested and Coombes went on with slow off spinners. It looked as if he dropped a very hot catch and bowl from Ride in his first over—a maiden. Next over Hatfield got the wicket he so thoroughly deserved as he bowled Hayward with a fast one that seemed to come up with his

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One of the many exciting incidents in the Scottish goal in yesterday's soccer match with China. Duncan, the Scots' goal-keeper, has left his charge. Hill and Williamson have rushed in to defend. (Staff Photographer.)

FOREIGN INVASION

Repulsed By Australians

Tennis Titles Retained

Adelaide, Jan. 31. Adrian Quist and John Bromwich of Australia to-day completed their slaughter of the acknowledged two best tennis pairs in the world when they defeated Baron Gottfried von Cramm and Henner Henkel of Germany in the final of the Australian doubles tennis championship. Quist and Bromwich won easily in straight sets, by scores of 7-5, 6-4, 6-0.

In the semi-finals, the winners defeated Donald Budge and Gene Mako.—*Reuter*.

MIXED DOUBLES

Adelaide, Jan. 31. John Bromwich won another title when, partnered by Miss Wilson, he won the mixed doubles. He and Miss Wilson beat Long and Miss Wynne by 6-3, 6-2, in the final.—*Reuter*.

WOMEN'S DOUBLES

Adelaide, Jan. 31. The Australian girls, Miss Wynne and Miss Coyne, stemmed America's challenge to-day in the women's doubles championship, when they overcame Miss Dorothy Bundy and Miss Dorothy Workman in the final by 6-7, 6-4.—*Reuter*.

[So far only one title, the men's singles, has been won by a foreigner, Donald Budge, who beat Bromwich in the final in straight sets.]

Japan To Challenge In America

—Tokyo, Jan. 31. Japan has decided to challenge for the Davis Cup this year in the American Zone, according to the Japanese Lawn Tennis Association. Nakano, members of last year's team, have been informally chosen by the Association to represent Japan in the competition.—*Reuter*.

Ha-key

RECREIO BEATEN AT MACAO

"Hat Trick" By H. Rosario

Macao, Jan. 21. Highlighting the festive season here was the very interesting hockey match played this afternoon between the Club de Recreio and Macao. Despite the predicted waiting of an hour and half, caused by the Hongkong steamer's delay, the crowd stayed behind and were rewarded by a fine game which Macao won by 5-1.

From the very start, Macao attacked briskly and Macao, outside left, almost scored in the first minute. However, Macao kept on pressing and ten minutes later H. Rosario, inside left, put the ball into the net. The same player repeated the performance shortly afterwards, and completed his "hat trick" with a high shot. Macao's fine shooting form was emphasised by R. Rosario, who put the home team further ahead. Before the interval, Alrosa completed Macao's scoring. Upon resumption the visitors settled down, and W. A. Reed served his forwards splendidly. After a period

SCHMELING OUTPOINTS BEN FOORD

Fight Goes Full Distance

Hamburg, Jan. 30. Max Schmeling, the German contender for the heavyweight boxing championship of the world, defeated Ben Foord of South Africa on points in a twelve-round bout here this evening.

The Hansatic Hall was filled to capacity by a crowd of 20,000 spectators, who included many notables including Walter Neusel, the No. 2 German heavyweight, and the Reich Sports Leader.

Both boxers were given a great ovation. They were accompanied from their dressing rooms by squads of Black Guards. Schmeling won every round except the ninth which was even. Foord took a lot of punishment but he never gave up trying. There were no knock-downs, though Foord slipped to the floor in the second round.

The South African was twice warned for low blows. The one in the seventh was accidentally low, while in the tenth it just touched Schmeling's hip.

Foord attempted many right swings, but the majority of them missed.

SCHMELING CONFIDENT Schmeling was very confident and was never in difficulties. He had Foord at his mercy in the twelfth round when the South African, after taking a left jab, dropped his guard.

Foord roared to Schmeling to finish off his opponent.

After the fight Schmeling praised Foord on his game display. He said he did not expect the bout to last so long.

Foord weighed 14st. 11 lbs. while Schmeling was 13 st. 12 lbs.—*Reuter*.

Braddock Announces Retirement

"In Fairness To Wife & Children"

New York, Jan. 30. James J. Braddock, former heavyweight boxing champion of the world, who defeated Tommy Farr recently, to-day announced his retirement from the ring.

Explaining this decision, he said "In fairness to my wife and children, I think it's time that I should withdraw. I won my last fight and I believe I can beat most of the contenders for the heavyweight title."

He revealed that he is entering another business venture, but no details of this have been announced.—*Reuter*.

of attacking, N. Beltrao scored, following a short corner.—Our Own Correspondent.

SCOTS' ATTACK UNABLE TO SETTLE DOWN

FUNG KING-CHEUNG AND CHAN TAK-FAI SHINE

(By "Abd")

After holding China in the first half of the game, Scotland cracked up in the second, following an early goal, and were finally defeated by three goals to nil in the Sunday Herald International charity match at Caroline Hill yesterday afternoon. China thus earned the right to meet England in the final.

Although the Chinese forward line always moved a little better than the Scots, both defences played up to form and exchanges were fairly even in the first period; in the second half, however, there was no doubt that the Chinese were the better team. On several occasions they were attacking the Scottish goal continuously, and only luck—a few timely interceptions by Duncan—prevented it from falling more than three times.

Whereas the Chinese forwards were on the move altogether, the Scots had the disadvantage of playing two wingers from the Royal Scots who were participating in their first representative game in the Colony. Whether the tremendous crowd at Caroline Hill to see the match affected their play is uncertain but they could not have done themselves justice. Gilroy, on the left wing, was very slow and in the opening minutes of the encounter he was often robbed of the ball.

UNEVEN BATTLE

In the circumstances McGulgan, Dunnachie and Fraser cannot be blamed for the failure of the Scots to get goals. The Chinese halves and backs, realising early that little danger came from the wings, concentrated on the inside trio; it was an uneven battle, though at times the Scots did get very close.

The best thing about the Scottish team was the display of the inter-mediate, Williamson, McCusker and Cook had a trying time in the face of the nipperiness of the Chinese attack, and it is a tribute to their efforts that it was not until the second half that the Chinese were able to score. McCusker was at his best in defence; his greatest fault was that he was never up with the forwards.

Bone and Hill, the backs, defended stoutly while Duncan, besides stopping what appeared to be an almost certain goal in the first half dealt capably with some of the shots sent in. He had little chance with the three which beat him.

In comparison with the Scots, the understanding shown by the Chinese appeared very marked but actually it was not so good as it looked. Soong Ling-sing, for instance, was seldom at home at inside left for the Chinese despite the fact that he had his team-mate, Hsu Ching-to, on the left wing. One could not help thinking that with Lai Shiu-wing in his place, the Chinese forwards would have been immeasurably more dangerous. The experiment of playing Lim Tak-po at centre-half in place of Lau Hing-chol, who was moved to the left, was not a complete success.

SHORT PASSING FAILS

Yeung Shui-yick and Hsu Ching-to made a fast pair of wingers, but the inside men did not make the best

use of their opportunities. An over-fundness for short-passing was apparent right through the 90 minutes of the game; they seemed to be imbued with the desire to walk the ball into the net instead of taking a shot at goal whenever they could.

In some respects, however, Chau Tak-fai and Fung King-cheung more than made up for this weakness. The former was the unluckiest forward on the field. Four times—I counted them—he beat Duncan, only to see his shot strike the bar or the upright, and during the course of the match he did everything except shoot a goal.

Fung King-cheung's clever ball-control was another feature, and his goal—the second of the game—was one of the best I have seen in local football in many a long day.

As usual, Mak Shui-hon and Li Tin-sung were a safe pair of backs and improved their prospects of playing against the Corinthians with another fine exhibition. Wong Wing's return to local soccer was an auspicious one although he was inclined to over-do the spectacular stuff which, however, pleased the majority of the crowd.

THE SCORING

Five minutes after the resumption, Hsu Ching-to received a pass from Leung Wing-chu, raced in, beat Bone and shot past Duncan for the first goal. This revitalised the Chinese attack, which certainly became more dangerous, and ten minutes later Fung drove an unstoppable shot into the net from outside the penalty area through a group of players. It fell to Hsu Ching-to again to score the third point, the result of another fine run down the left wing.

The Scots were a beaten side by this time although valiant attempts were made by McGulgan, Dunnachie and Fraser to open the scoring for their side.

Play was fast and clean throughout. A pleasant match to watch.

Teams:

China.—Wong Wing; Mak Shui-hon, Li Tin-sung; Leung Wing-chu, Lim Tak-po, Lau Hing-chol, Yeung Shui-yick. Fung King-cheung, Chan Tak-fai, Soong Ling-sing and Hsu Ching-to.

Scotland.—Duncan (Royal Scots); Bone (Police), Hill (Club); Williamson, McCusker, Cook (Seafarths); Potts (Royal Scots), McGulgan, Dunnachie, Fraser (Seafarths) and Gilroy (Royal Scots).

INTERNATIONAL AMATEUR SOCCER MATCH

Rhyl, Jan. 29. In an amateur international soccer match played here to-day, England defeated Wales by eight goals to two.—*Reuter*.

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AFTER TEA

The Services' game after tea (about 4.15) was to get thirty (30) runs in ten or fifteen minutes (1) and then declare. Owen Hughes and Baker bowled. The former in his field with eight men on the but did not seem to be keeping ball up enough on that side of wicket. At 161 Rawstone was 115 to Baker in having a dip 161-7-8. real captain's innings and a standard 73 runs. Paxton followed though the policy of putting in a left hand when runs were wanted quickly questionable. Two runs 10

P. O. Tel. Paxton (H.N.) c Hayward b			
Owen Hughes	0	0	21
Pte. Coombes (Mtd.) did not bat			
Pte. Horfield (Mtd.) did not bat			
Extras (Leg Dyes 2, Wide 1) ..			
Total (for D wtd. decid.) ..			
Fall of Wickets: 1/0; 2/1; 3/5; 4/8; 5/7; 6/8; 7/10; 8/10; 9/10.			
Bowling Analysis			
	O	M.	P.
Baker	0	0	21
T. A. Pearce	12	2	40
McNeilan	3	0	14
Allen	4	1	12
Owen Hughes	12	1	32
J. L. C. Pearce	9	0	42
..... wide.			
H.N.C. (and INN.)			
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Result Of Braddock's Retirement

Flowing Analysis			
	O.	M.	R.
F. R. Zimmern	62	1	30
A. T. Lee	10	4	20
A. Baker	1		
C. W. Lann	1	2	20
D. J. N. Anderson	3	1	10
J. Barrow	5	3	3
F. Zimmern	2		14

Some Notable Performances

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New York, Jan. 31.
The following are the latest standings of teams in the Ice Hockey Leagues:

"ATTABOY" SHIELD

L. Guy Again Leads Rink To Victory

The "Attaboy Bowls Shield," presented for annual competition by Mr. D. F. Warren, was played at the Kowloon C.C. yesterday when L. Guy's rink won. This is the fourth time in five years that Guy has skipped the winning rink in this competition.

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INTERNATIONAL SOFTBALL SERIES

First Round Now Completed

The first round of the International Softball Series was completed on Tuesday, when India beat China 10-0, and America beat Portugal 10-0.

to four of the team not showing up and substitutes were put in at the last minute.

America had things all their own way in the game against Portugal. One home run being hit by Reichsteiner. Good pitching and fielding by America limited the Portuguese team to two hits only in the seven innings.

Score:—

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PAGE FOR MEN-FOLK

- Ralph Hewins
- Looks at Men's Fashions

The "Comfort" School is gaining Ground

IN the world of men's fashions the old adage about the acme of smartness being sobriety still holds good, but the adjective "sober" is being interpreted with increasing latitude. Men are becoming more dress-conscious and more enterprising.

That is not to say there is any immediate prospect of a return to the silk and satin extravagance of "Prinny," Beau Brummell, and the Regency period.

The reaction against the subfusc rectitude of the maligned Victorians is still in full swing and is steadily becoming influenced by the more modern demand for sartorial comfort and simplicity.

BUT some strange anomalies linger. Most notorious must surely be the "boiled shirt." At all formal dinner parties and banquets it is still de rigueur.

Despite such modifications as pointed instead of rounded cuffs, one or two buttons down the front, and the coat as opposed to the pull-over style, the "boiled shirt" is still the same old enemy—except to humorous artists.

ONE begins to suspect that these draughtsmen have a "vested interest" in the "boiled shirt" industry.

It is amazing how it has withstood all assaults. Not even the arrival of the double-breasted dinner-jacket—or "tuxedo" as its American originators would say—has rocked its position. Yet there is no denying the tuxedo is smart, easy-to-ret-into, and does not automatically demand a stiff collar and stiff shirt.

"SLOPPY," the die-hards call the D-B. dinner-jacket, but few young men-about-town will agree; and they arouse no curiosity when they arrive thus clad at the smartest restaurants and in the streets.

The tuxedo is all right. So, too, is the single-breasted dinner-jacket. With it may be worn a white waistcoat—preferably single-breasted; but, of course, never a white tie. And only waiters wear black ties with evening tail coats.

"Tails" are now being worn with the extremities reaching well down to the back of the knees. The lapels are wide, almost extending to the shoulders, and the buttons are of bone, not cloth.

"TAILS" and dinner-jackets are still being made in midnight-blue, which is supposed to look blacker at night than black itself, but the rage for the new material has dwindled. No man feels quite comfortable in blue evening kit when nights are short and electricity is not at work to do the chameleon trick.

Double-ended white ties are still worn by the meticulous, but single-ended specimens will pass. Usually

a depth of not more than one inch is to be recommended, but some big men can carry off a larger variety. Black ties tend to be worn narrower—with a double-breasted dinner-jacket almost down to the old "boot-lace" proportions.

THEN there is the thorny question of lapels in day wear. Savile-row ordains the double-breasted, suit type as opposed to the old notch, but some brave and still elegant men venture on the notch nevertheless. Lapels may also be rolled or pressed.

Three tiers of buttons down the front and four on each sleeve are the fashion on lounge suits; and on double-breasted suits it is usual to rely on the bottom button to keep the fold-over in place.

"TEDDY Bear" over-coats of infinite variety in shades and texture may be seen in the West End in winter time, but strictly speaking they should be reserved for motoring and the country.

A black hat, dark suit and dark overcoat, leather gloves and an umbrella and black shoes remain the conventional attire of the best dressed men-about-town. The sole spot of brightness which is permitted is a carnation.

Plus-fours have ceased to be smart in the country—even on the golf course. They are being replaced by long tweed trousers.

HATTERS insist upon collapsible opera-hats for the diminishing number of men who still wear hats in the evening, but there is a small school of men who would almost die rather than be seen in one.

Top-hats, it is said, are the thing. West End hatters hair practically stands on end at the suggestion, their maximum concession being a black "Foreign Office" hat.

In the City, too, the black turned-up Homburg is ousting the top-hat, although the bowler sustains a healthy rivalry.

THE latest innovation in men's hats is the vogue for rabbit fur. These may be furry or matted smooth, and are worn in a variety of shades, ranging from green to light grey and beige.

I am told that the "Rabbit" is the English reply to the Tyrolean hats which have achieved popularity both with men and women as a result of travel in Austria and Bavaria during the last few summers. Like them the "Rabbit" is finished with a narrow cord or ribbon. But no eagle's feathers or chamol's beard!

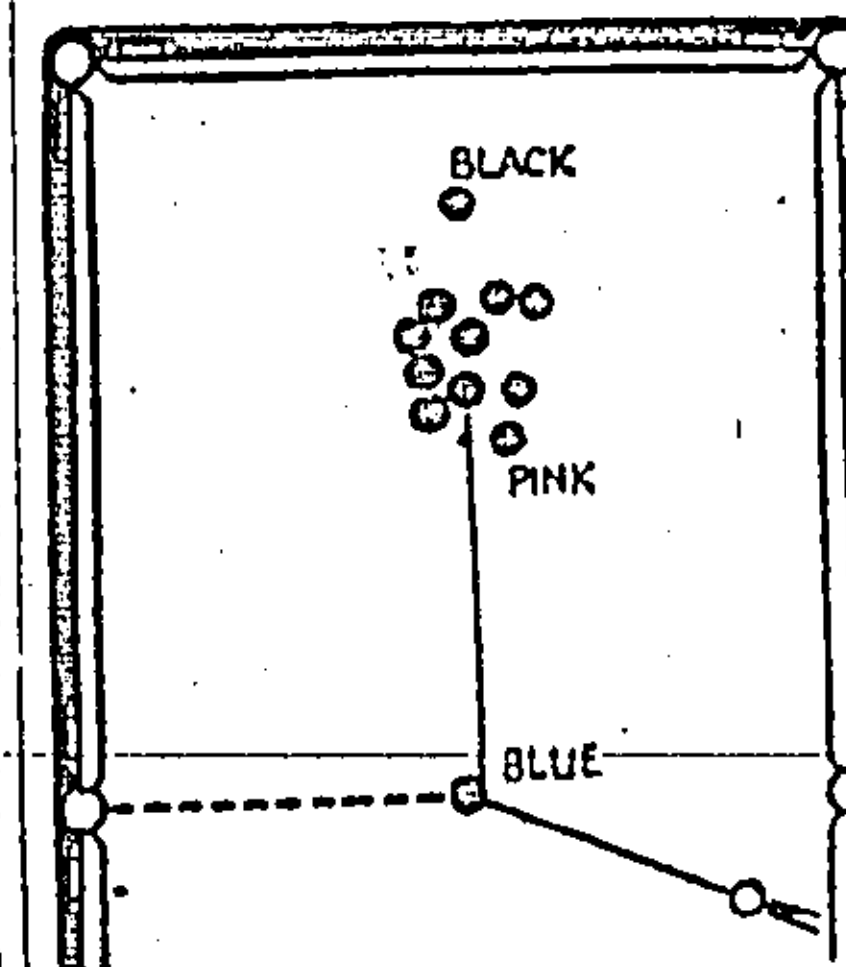
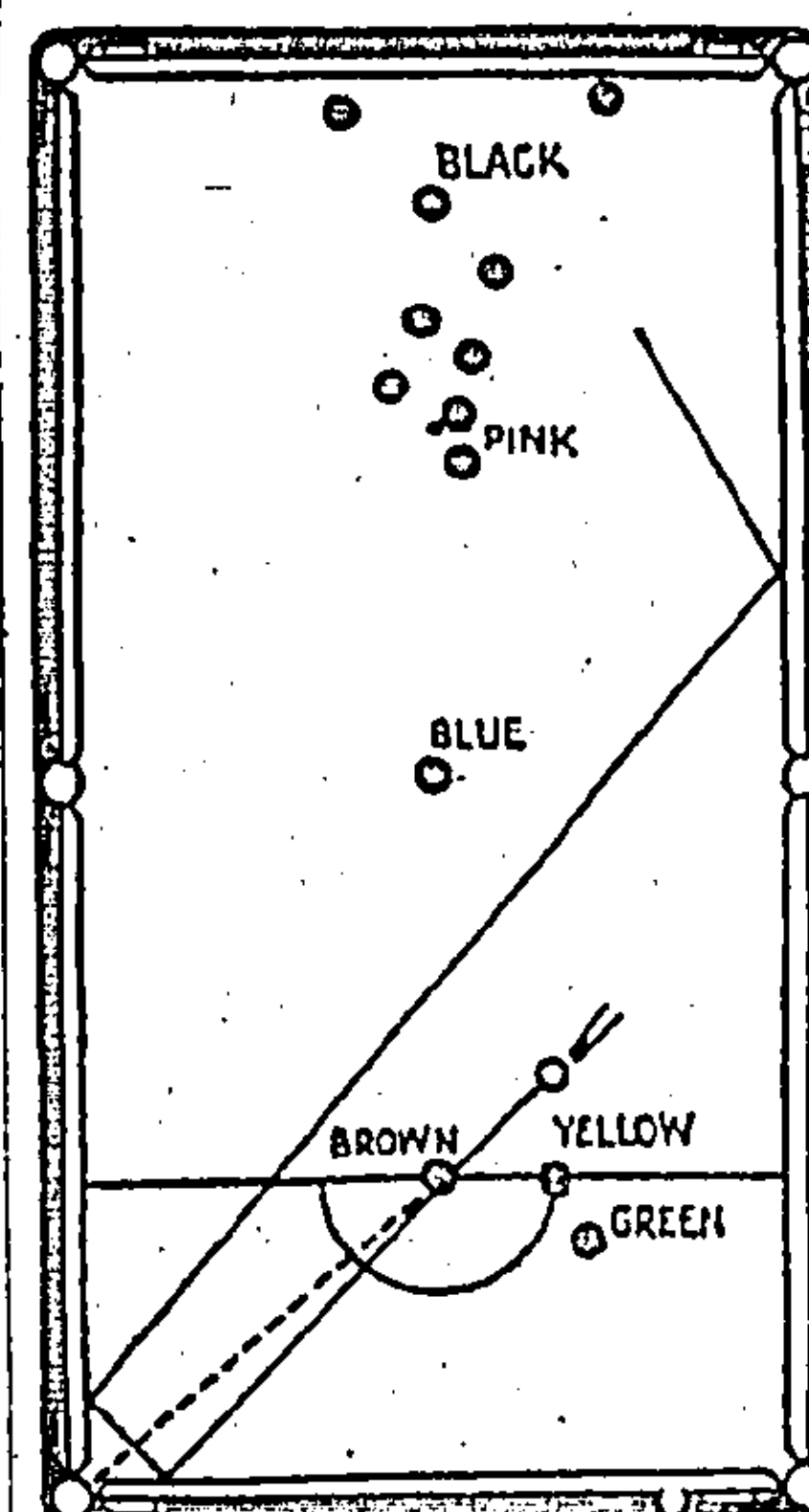
AT the nether, as well as the upper, extremities of the male there has been an interesting and thoroughly rational development. Medieval shoes are being worn in rapidly increasing numbers—that is to say, shoes with straps and buckles instead of laces. Which should mean a considerable moderation in language in the early morning workdays scramble.

But I have yet to find a shoemaker who will bear with my young acquaintance who maintains that button boots are still correct with a morning coat.

GO WEST, How To Play One Of The Vital Shots In Snooker

By Sidney Smith

CAN you pot a ball at speed, or are you one of many thousands of players who are liable to miss the simplest of pots when you try to employ force? I have seen moderate players who are so nervous of missing an easy colour that they ease it gently into a pocket and are consequently "on" nothing, whereas a bold forcing shot, such as that shown in Diagram 1, would give them the chance of a good break.



Top: A common forcing: cue-ball struck slightly above centre to ensure it travelling smoothly round the table. No side. Bottom: Screw needed; the cue-ball must be struck below centre. Extreme care must be taken to ensure that no side is applied, as it will ruin the shot. Let the cue go well through, as this gives impetus to the cue-ball—an essential factor in breaking up the "pack."

If you are apt to bungle a forcing, obviously the application of speed has for some reason destroyed your accuracy of cueing, so that the side though taken correctly in the first place deviates to right or left. (Incidentally, you may find, with a little observation, that the deviation is invariably to one particular side.)

Cueing, when potting at high speed, must be above reproach—a good stance, a firm bridge, and a sliding action on even level are the essentials. Let us have no illusions about that, for no one could guarantee to teach you to pot at speed unless your cue action was good.

CAUSES OF ERRORS

Looking for causes of errors, the commonest (as emphasised by Joe Davis) perhaps, is movement on the stroke. The slightest jump will in all probability mean a bungle, so that when settling down to the shot resolve to keep still.

Cause No. 2: Drawing the cue-butt back farther than normal. It is not necessary to do so to apply more speed and the effect is that it necessitates moving the upper part of the arm in the backward part of the stroke, and thus utterly ruining that essential of accurate potting—accurate cueing. No matter what speed is used, on no account move any part of the body except the forearm.

Net cause: Hasty play. This often applies to a deceptively easy shot, or one needing a rest which the player happens to dislike. Make your stroke deliberately.

One more common cause is the use of side. Some players try to get distance with the cue-ball by using side rather than speed. Quite apart from the difficulty (not always sufficiently realised) of potting a ball when using side, it is often impossible to get the desired positional result except by a strong forcing pot.

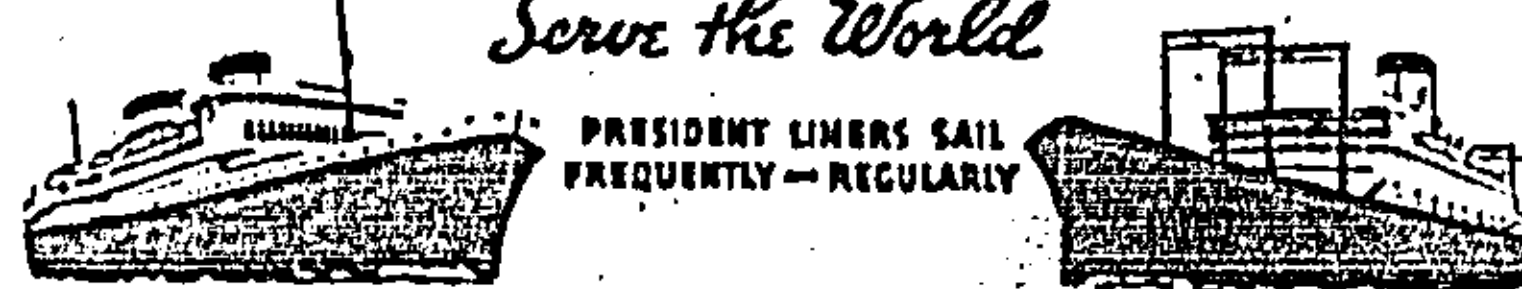
AN EXAMPLE

Look at Diagram 1 again. Some players would use side here, and find the white stopping just outside baulk—quite useless, especially as they would also take a big risk about potting the brown.

Now look at Diagram 2—a position very commonly reached. No side whatever is required. In fact, it would be highly dangerous.

A last word: Think of the type of shot we are discussing as one of speed rather than force. There is a subtle difference. Good cue-action, normal in every respect except that the forearm goes through faster; deliberate stroke; utmost steadiness; no side. Those are my tips for potting at speed.

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An armed robbery report, which later turned out to be false, was reported to the Police to have occurred about 12.30 a.m. to-day at the King Tung Towel Factory, Lai-chikok. Following investigations, the Police were of the opinion that it was not robbery but only theft from a dwelling. It appears that a number of persons were gambling in the premises when three men entered. Believing it was a Police raid, the gamblers dispersed, whereupon the intruders seized the money, amounting to about \$70, and calmly walked off.

ACCEPTS PEIPING CONTROL

Shanghai, Jan. 31. Two years after inauguration "the East Hopei Autonomous Anti-Communist Government" will voluntarily dissolve itself to-morrow and place itself under the jurisdiction of the "Provisional Government" at Peiping, says a Japanese despatch from Peiping.—Reuter.

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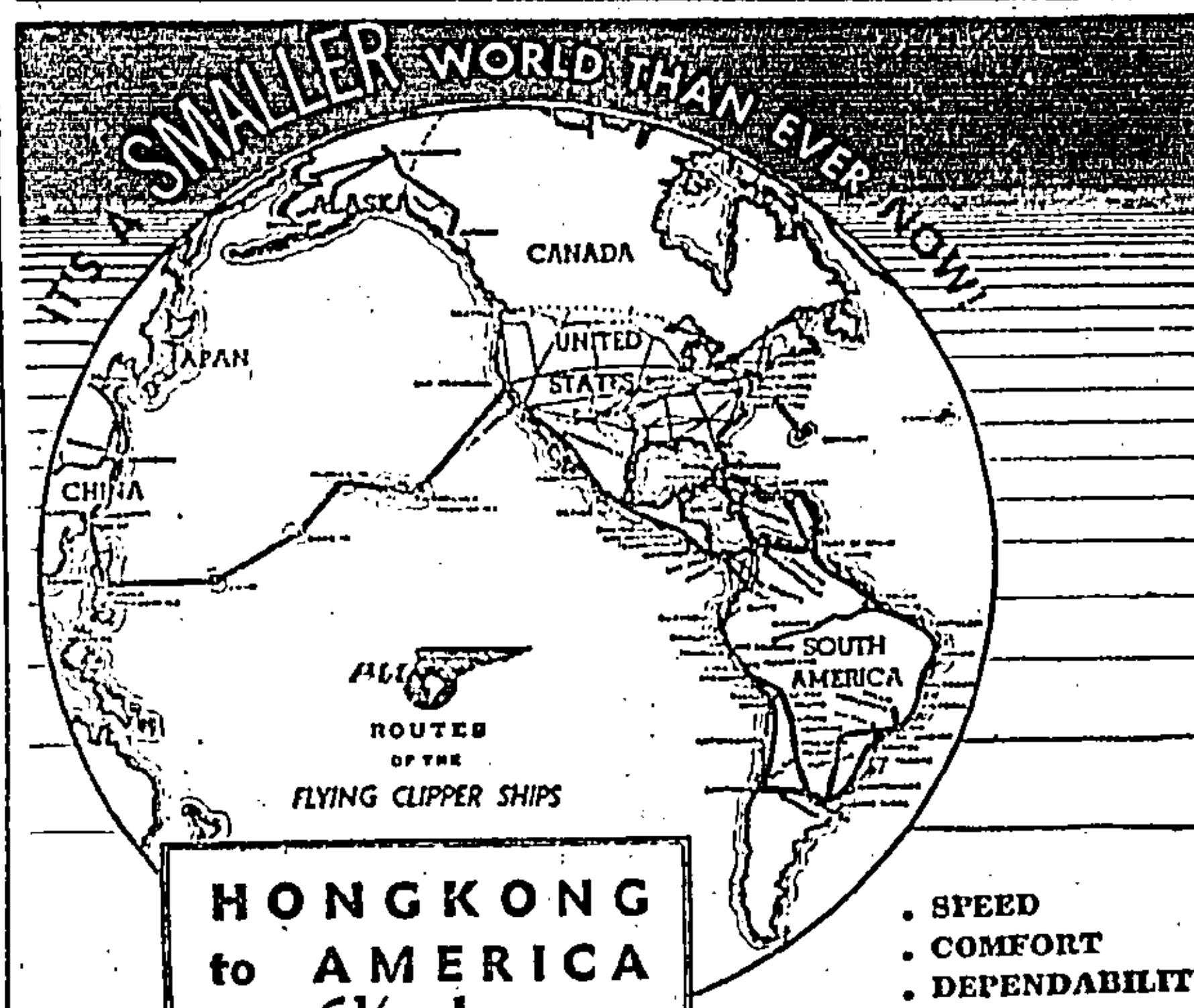
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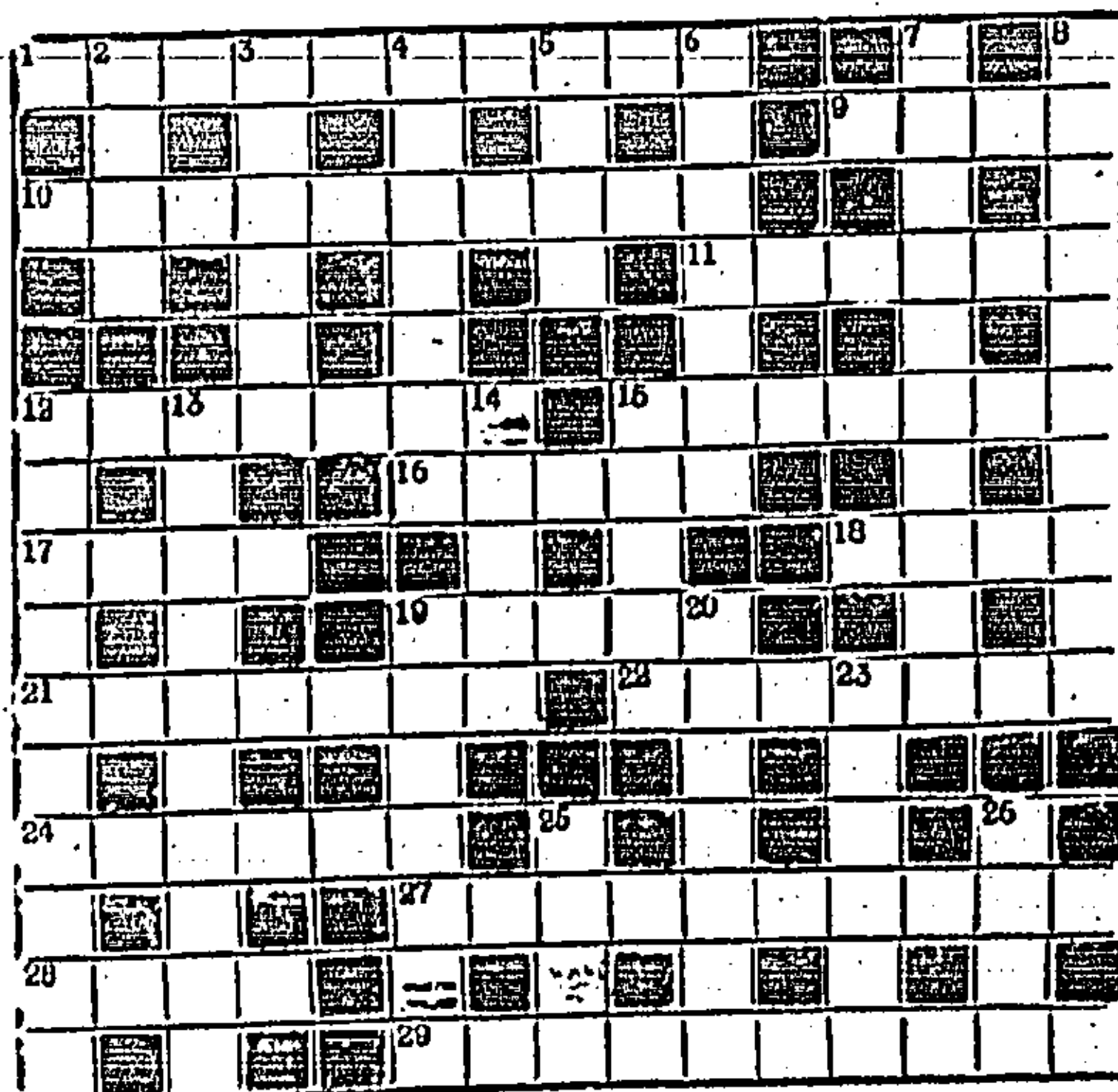
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- Free (10).
- Whereby many an actor has been shown up (10).
- One might turn this fast feature to darken 12 down (10).
- Recess (5).
- Certainly not an eye opener (5).
- To find what is this just follow your nose (7).
- Soothe (7).
- A chess sacrifice (6).
- A circus character would be hurt if upset (4).
- If this turn broke up there might be a riot (4).

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DOWN

- A number (4).
- This inevitably results from the war (9).
- It would make a log run, but the motive power is not obvious (7).
- This is not fair (4).
- Vessel on water makes a golf course (7).

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U.S. ARMS BECAUSE OF JAPAN ACTIVITY

Small Opposition To Programme Anticipated

Washington, Jan. 31. The new rearmament programme, despite the circumspection of President Roosevelt's message to Congress, is due entirely to the actions of Japan, it is admitted by well-informed quarters. In the Government and elsewhere there is general agreement that the United States fleet must be built up sufficiently to maintain the old 6-6-3 ratio between Britain, America and Japan.

Japan's secrecy and refusal to agree to limitation of the size of gun calibre is disturbing the Government and wild rumours of Japanese naval plans have probably caused more public apprehension than the actual facts, if they were known, would warrant.

The United States' answer is seen in the Vinson Bill, where authorisation for new battleships of specified tonnage but not of numbers is found. If rumours of Japan's building of huge battleships are proved well-founded it is likely the United States will build two large battleships under the Vinson Bill instead of three of treaty size. From the nature of the opposition there is no doubt but the rearmament programme will have a swift passage.

Opposition to the rearmament policy has crystallised in the Senate, with Senator Hiram Johnson of California intimating that he would raise the question of United States' foreign policy in relation to naval building in the subsequent debate. He added the Senate ought to assert itself and learn what that policy is. Nobody knew at present.

No one man should have the power to decide on foreign policy secretly, said the Senator. Senator Hamilton Lewis suggested the League powers which had invited the United States to aid them in supporting China against Japan might kill two birds with one stone by ceding a certain island of possible strategic value to the United States as part settlement of War Debts.—Reuter.

Two Killed When Hit By Cars

Drivers Charged, Allowed Bail

Two fatal traffic accidents occurred in Hongkong on Saturday, and as a result the drivers of the vehicles appeared before Mr. R. A. D. Forrest at the Central Magistracy this morning, charged with driving without due care and caution.

The first accident occurred about 7 p.m. A lorry, driven by Yam Sun, was being driven eastward along Main Street West, Shaikwan, near the Fung Keong Rubber Factory, when it knocked down Chan Woon, a man who was walking westward with two companions. Chan was removed to the Queen Mary Hospital, where he died some hours later.

The second fatality occurred about 11.40 p.m. An unknown Chinese girl, aged about 10, was knocked down in King's Road by a private car driven by Cheung Chun-tai, 22, a Shanghai man. She also died after admission to the Queen Mary Hospital.

Yam was remanded until tomorrow, while Cheung was remanded for one week. Both were allowed bail of \$250.

DIE IN TRAIN CRASH

Medellin, Colombia, Jan. 31. Eight were killed and 21 injured when a mixed passenger and freight train became derailed between Puerto Berrio and Medellin to-day.—United Press.

12 Japanese Journalists Among Slain

Japanese circles in Hongkong were officially informed to-day of the death of another Japanese correspondent at the front. This man's passing brings the total of correspondents killed to 12, it is estimated.

Mr. Magaharu Fujioke died on January 30, struck by a shell splinter at Mingkwang. He was one of Domei's staff, the second of that organisation to fall. The first was Mr. Jiro Suzuki, who died on January 25 at Soshi, near Haoyang, struck by a grenade splinter.

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RAIDERS NEAR TO SHAMEEN

U.S. Warship Crew Goes To Action Stations As Planes Pass

Canton, Jan. 31. Residents at Shamen Concession, jointly owned by Britain and France, were startled at 3 p.m. by a series of detonations of exploding bombs, which, though distant, shook buildings on the island.

For the second successive day, the Japanese provided a warlike accompaniment to the spluttering of Chinese New Year crackers by a heavy bombing raid in the vicinity of the Whampoa Military Academy.

No planes were sighted at Shameen, except two seaplanes which passed westward of Canton, flying in a northerly direction. However, the U.S.S. Mindanao reported that about fifteen Japanese planes flew directly above her near Tiger Island as she was returning to Canton from Hongkong.

The planes, which appeared to be heading in the direction of Whampoa, were flying at a height of about 2,000 feet, and the crew of the gunboat were ordered to general quarters.

Foreigners in Tungshan (a suburb of Canton) declared that bombs were dropped one after another for a period of ten minutes. Reports of damage are not yet available.—Reuter.

Bomb Blast Gives S'hai Only Alarm

Holiday Passes With No Disorders Of Serious Nature

Shanghai, Feb. 1. Up to midnight last night no untoward incident had marked the Chinese New Year celebrations.

Apart from the absence of exploding firecrackers the day was much the same as in former years. Huge crowds of pleasure-seekers strolled along the streets and mainly packed Avenue Edward VII.

But this morning a bomb exploded in a flat of the Washington Apartments, French Concession. The flat is occupied by Mr. A. Constantinoff, one of the secretaries of the Soviet Embassy. There were no casualties. The missile is believed to have been a time-bomb.

Hitherto there have been no arrests. Police suspect the culprit is possibly a White Russian. But Constantinoff was not at home when the explosion occurred. It was just as well for the flat was badly damaged.

The explosion was heard over a wide area and created much excitement. The International Settlement and French police expected terrorists to be particularly active during the holiday and precautions included orders to a section of the Shanghai Volunteer Corps to stand by ready for immediate mobilisation. But apart from the explosion, there were no other crimes except the murder of an unidentified Chinese, by strangling.—Reuter.

FIVE BODIES ASHORE AT ORKNEYS

London, Jan. 31. Five bodies and a quantity of wreckage have been washed up on the Orkneys.

It was at first thought that the bodies and wreckage belonged to the trawler *Bostonian*, which has been missing since a gale struck her last week.

It is now understood that the bodies are of members of the crew of the steamer *Leicestershire*.—Reuter.

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Singapore, Jan. 31. Warships of the China Squadron have departed from Singapore in

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The manoeuvres will cover an area of 40,000 square miles. The special objective of the defending aircraft, which include units from India, will be H.M.S. Eagle, whose planes will be the "greatest potential menace" to the island and base.

The general public will see little of the exercises, which will be controlled by radio.—United Press.

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